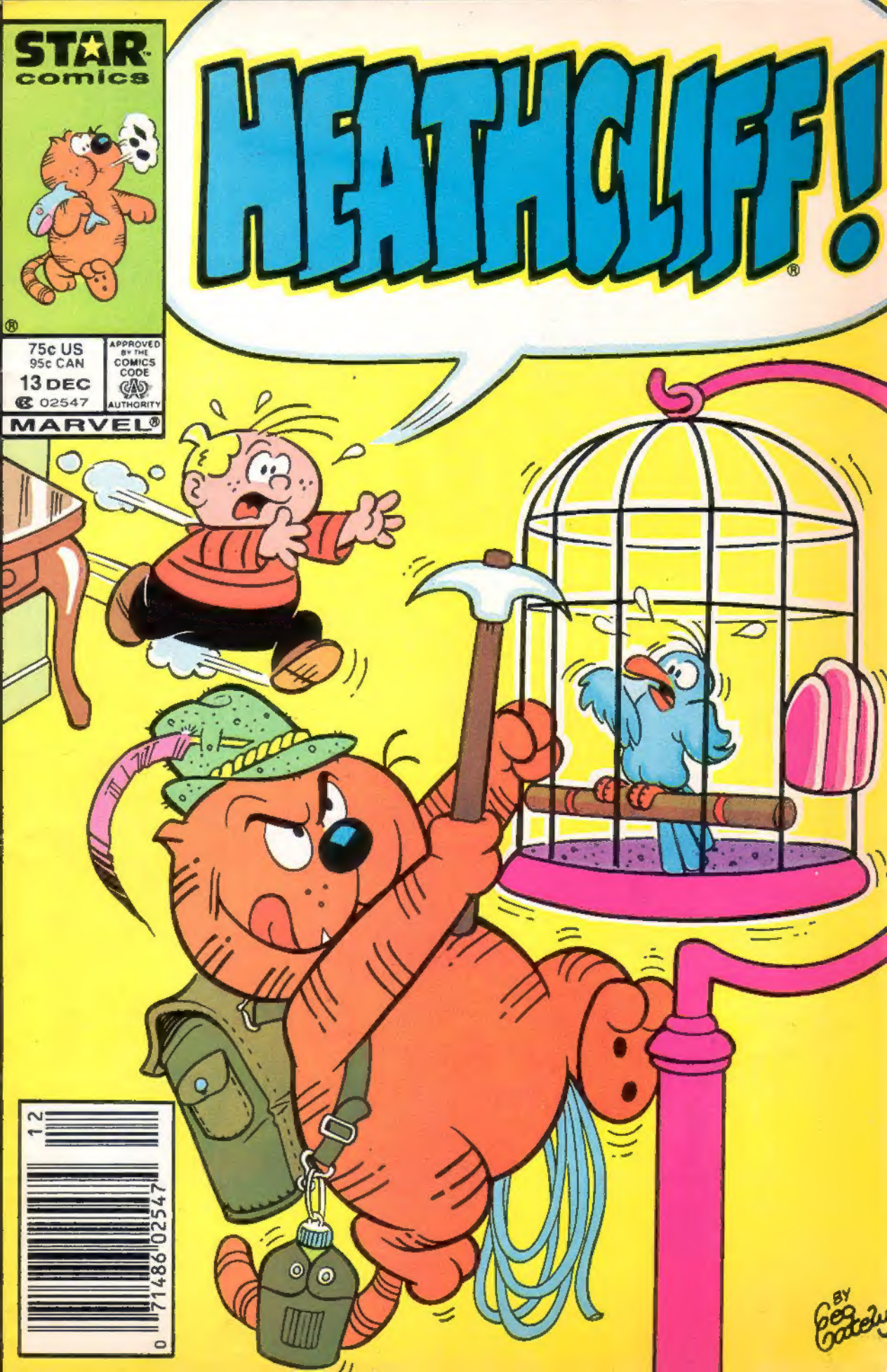
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HA HA! IT'S ME, IGGY! I'M WEARING MY FRIGHT DAY COSTUME!
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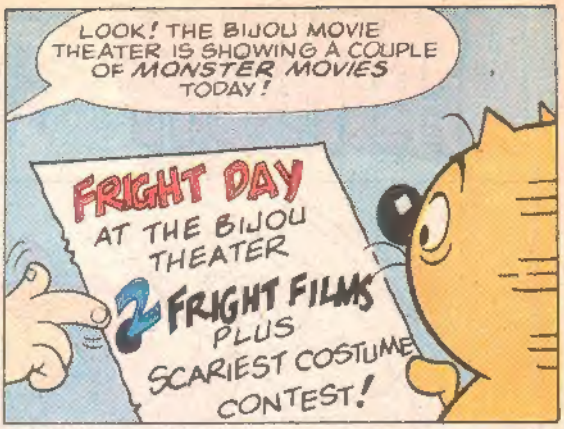
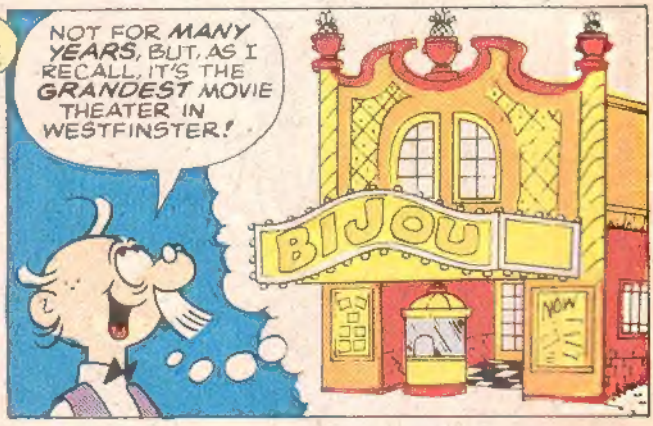
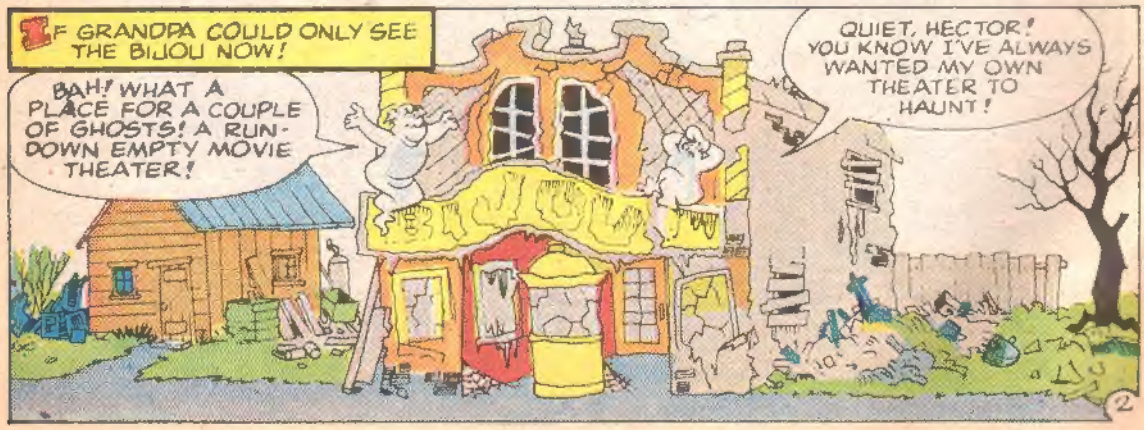

LOOK! THE BIJOU MOVIE THEATER IS SHOWING A COUPLE OF MONSTER MOVIES TODAY!
FRIGHT DAY AT THE BIJOU THEATER
2 FRIGHT FILMS PLUS SCARIEST COSTUME CONTEST!

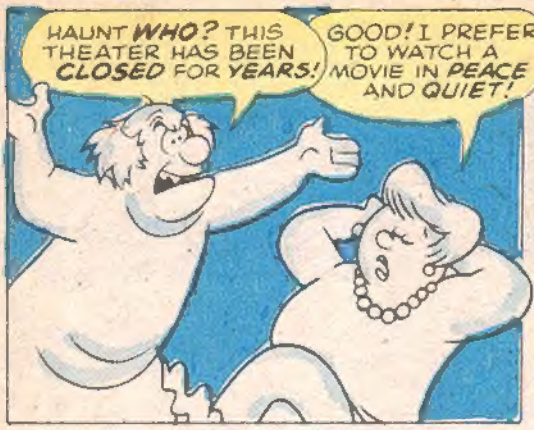
FOLLOWED BY A CONTEST FOR THE SCARIEST COSTUME! WE'RE GOING TO ENTER!

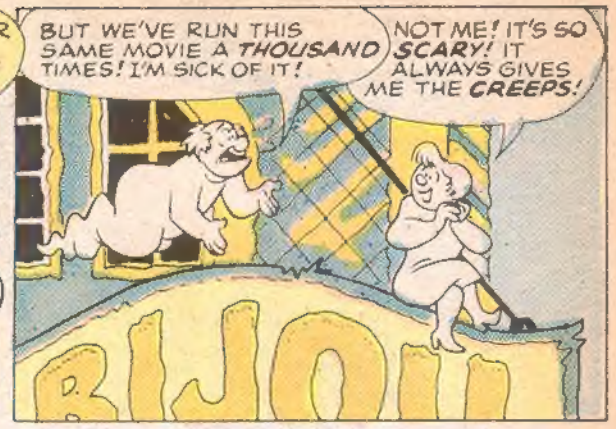
GRANDPA NUTMEG, CAN YOU TAKE US THERE?
SORRY, GUYS! GRANDMA IS USING THE CAR TO GET HER KARATE LESSON!

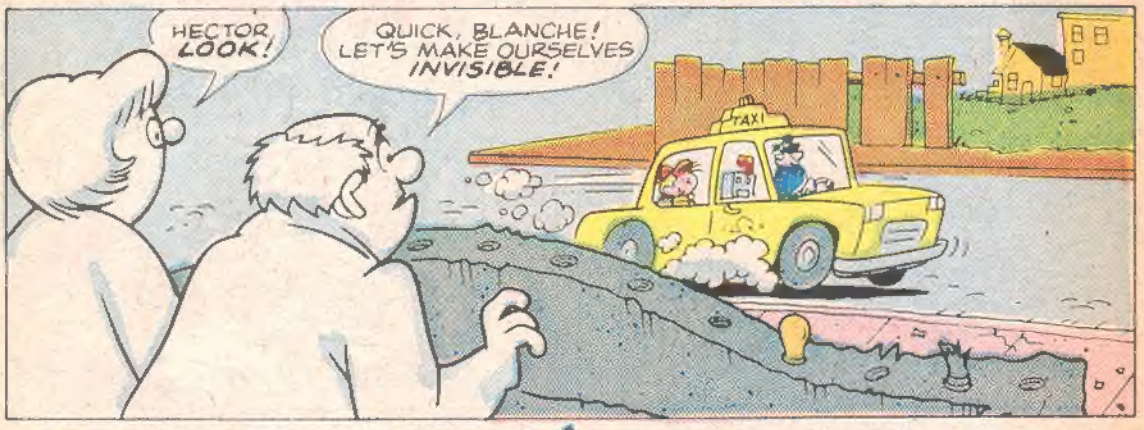
BUT I CAN HAVE A CAB DRIVE YOU AND HEATHCLIFF THERE!
GREAT! HAVE YOU EVER BEEN TO THE BIJOU, GRANDPA?

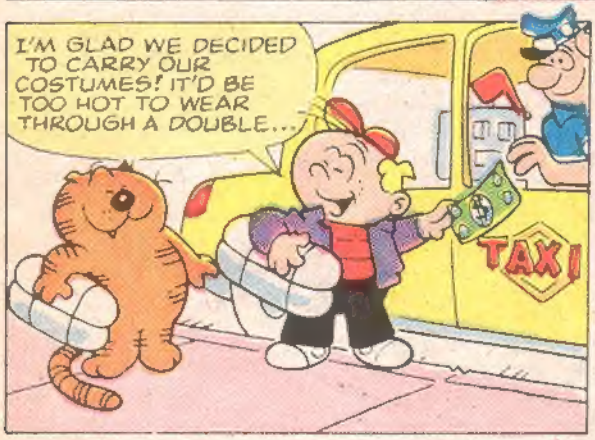

NOT FOR MANY YEARS, BUT, AS I RECALL, IT'S THE GRANDEST MOVIE THEATER IN WESTFINSTER!
BIJOU
NOW

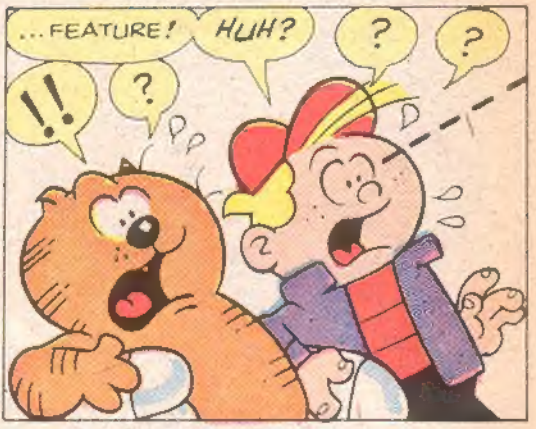

IF GRANDPA COULD ONLY SEE THE BIJOU NOW!
BAH! WHAT A PLACE FOR A COUPLE OF GHOSTS! A RUN-DOWN EMPTY MOVIE THEATER!
QUIET, HECTOR! YOU KNOW I'VE ALWAYS WANTED MY OWN THEATER TO HAUNT!


HAUNT WHO? THIS THEATER HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR YEARS!
GOOD! I PREFER TO WATCH A MOVIE IN PEACE AND QUIET!


BUT WE'VE RUN THIS SAME MOVIE A THOUSAND TIMES! I'M SICK OF IT!
NOT ME! IT'S SO SCARY! IT ALWAYS GIVES ME THE CREEPS!
BIJOU


HECTOR, LOOK!
QUICK, BLANCHE! LET'S MAKE OURSELVES INVISIBLE!
TAXI


I'M GLAD WE DECIDED TO CARRY OUR COSTUMES! IT'D BE TOO HOT TO WEAR THROUGH A DOUBLE...
TAXI


...FEATURE!
HUH?
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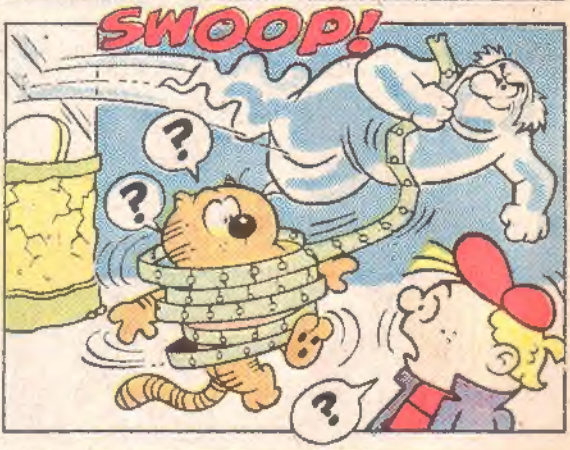
BOY! THEY SURE DID A GREAT JOB OF DECORATING THE PLACE FOR FRIGHT DAY!
BIJOU

WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A BALL, BLANCHE! YOU AND ME ARE GOING TO SCARE THE DAYLIGHTS OUT OF THOSE TWO!
OH, HECTOR, YOU'RE SO ROMANTIC!

HEH HEH! WATCH THIS, BLANCHE!
BIJOU
NOW PLAYING: RETURN OF THE VAMPIRE!
HEY! THERE'S NO ONE IN THE BOX OFFICE! HOW DO WE BUY TICKETS?

DO YOU SEE ANYONE, HEATHCLIFF?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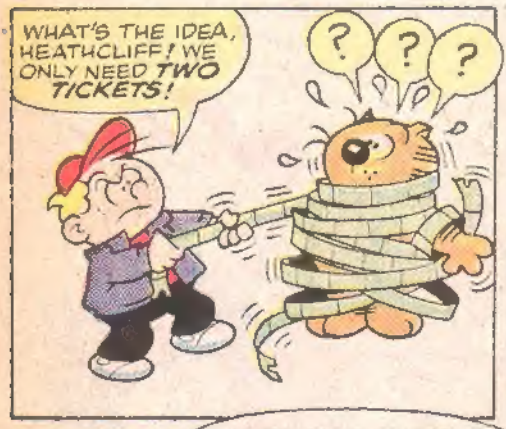
WHAT'S THE IDEA, HEATHCLIFF! WE ONLY NEED TWO TICKETS!
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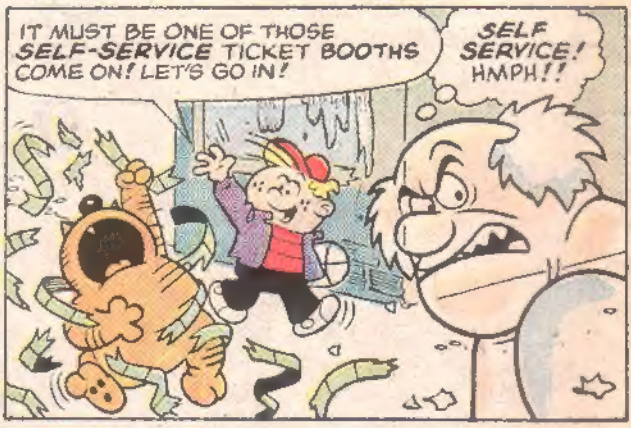
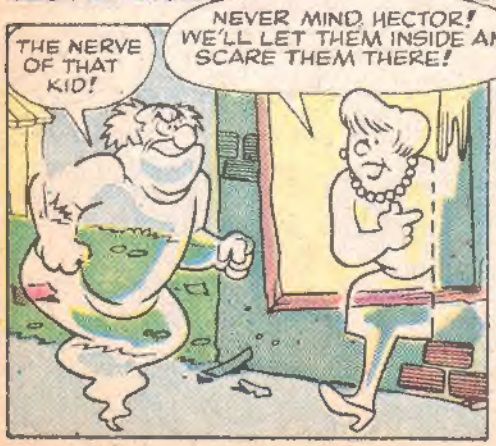
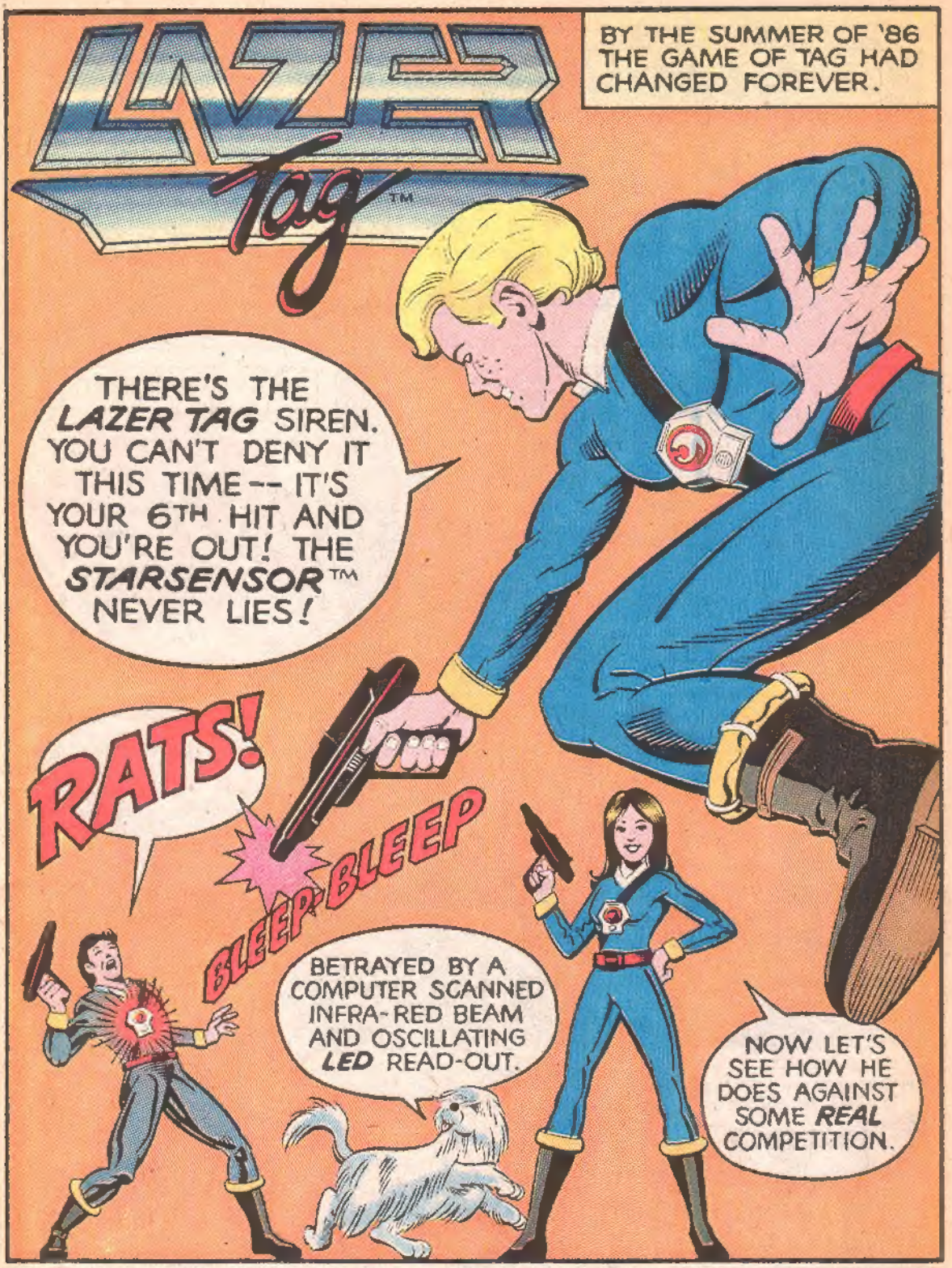

IT MUST BE ONE OF THOSE SELF-SERVICE TICKET BOOTHS COME ON! LET'S GO IN!
SELF SERVICE! HMPH!!


THE NERVE OF THAT KID!
NEVER MIND, HECTOR! WE'LL LET THEM INSIDE AND SCARE THEM THERE!

THE DOORS ARE STUCK, HEATHCLIFF! SEE IF YOU CAN OPEN THEM!



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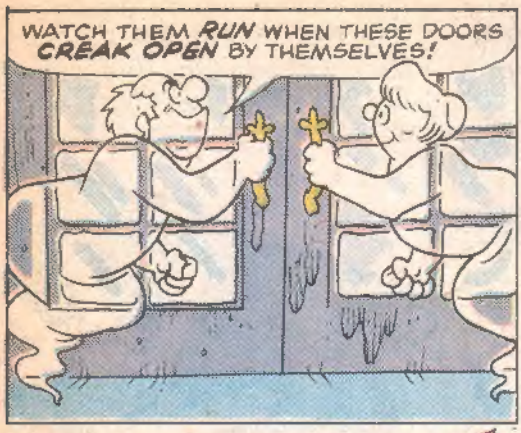
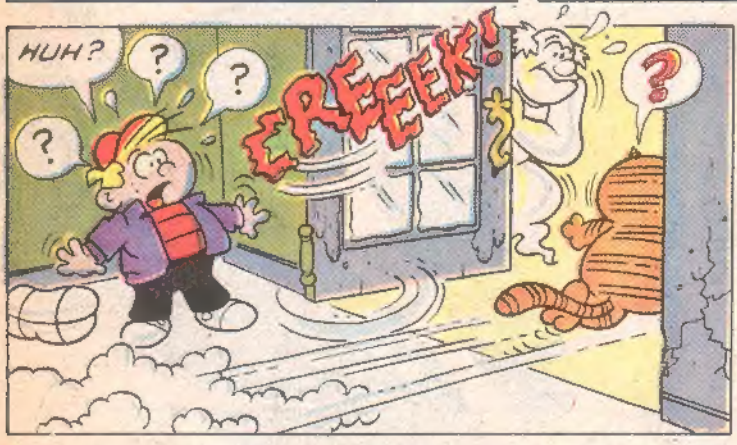
LOOK FOR LAZER TAG -- SATURDAY MORNINGS-- THIS FALL ON NBC.


WATCH THEM RUN WHEN THESE DOORS CREAK OPEN BY THEMSELVES!

THAT'S THE WAY! GIVE IT SOME MUSCLE!


HUH?
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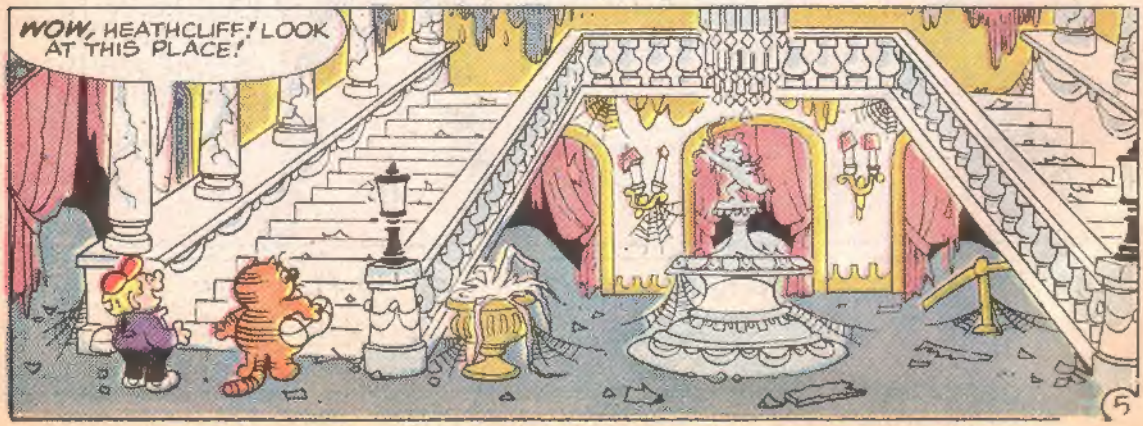
CREEEK!

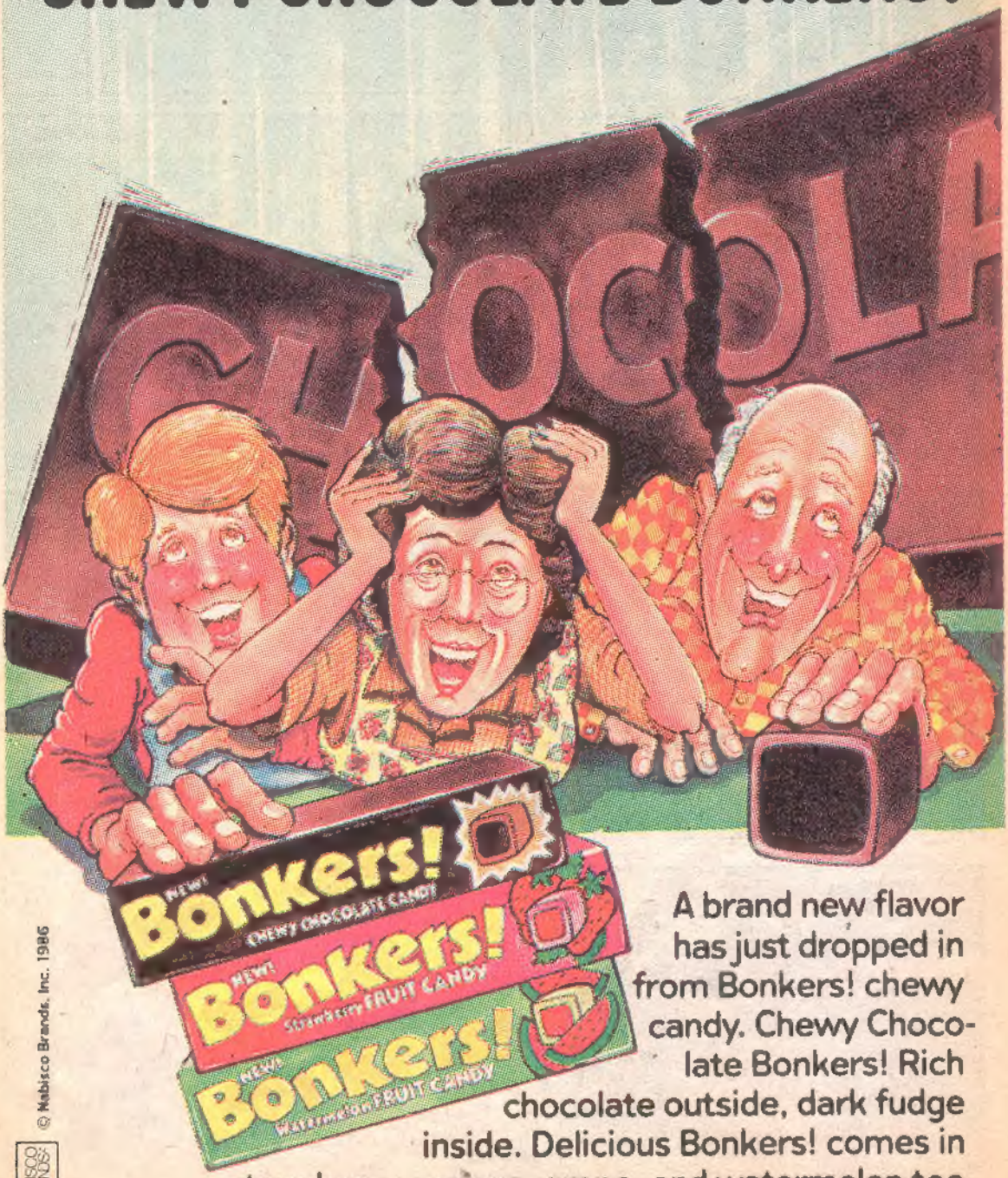
CRASH!

HEATHCLIFF! THE DOORS OPENED BY THEMSELVES!
NOW PLAYING—
RETURN OF THE VAMPIRE

JUST LIKE THEY DO IN THE SUPERMARKET!
THE SUPERMARKET?


WOW, HEATHCLIFF! LOOK AT THIS PLACE!

EVERYONE'S BONKED OUT BY NEW CHEWY CHOCOLATE BONKERS!®



A brand new flavor has just dropped in from Bonkers! chewy candy. Chewy Chocolate Bonkers! Rich chocolate outside, dark fudge inside. Delicious Bonkers! comes in strawberry, orange, grape, and watermelon too.

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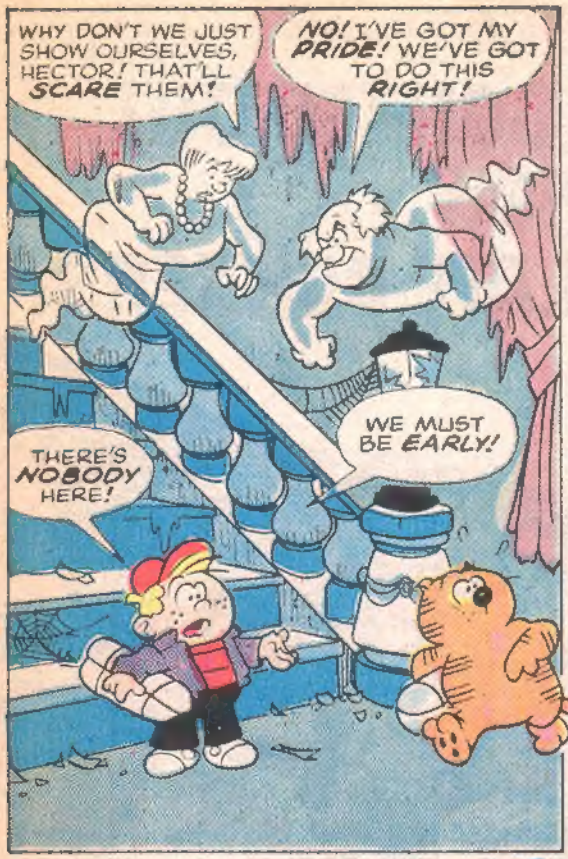
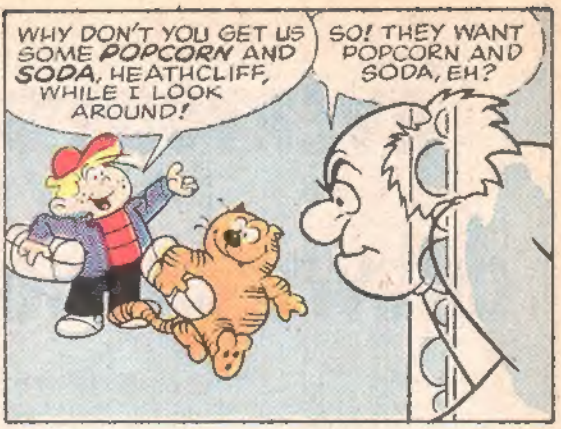
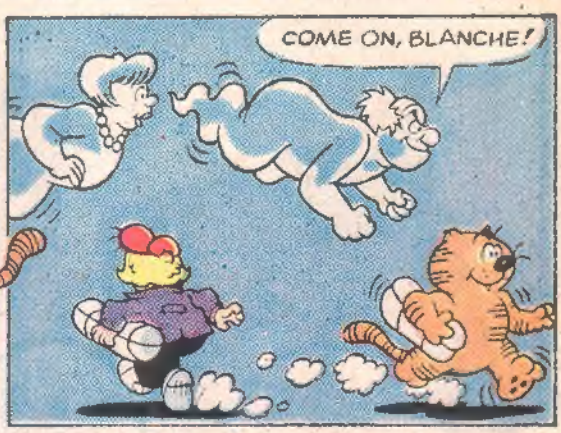
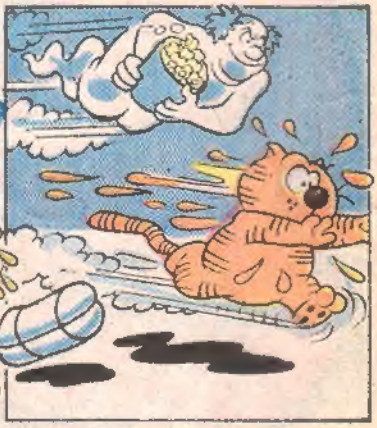

WHY DON'T WE JUST SHOW OURSELVES, HECTOR! THAT'LL SCARE THEM!
NO! I'VE GOT MY PRIDE! WE'VE GOT TO DO THIS RIGHT!
THERE'S NOBODY HERE!
WE MUST BE EARLY!

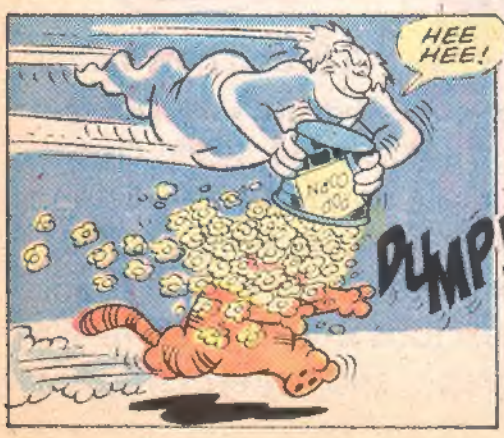

WHY DON'T YOU GET US SOME POPCORN AND SODA, HEATHCLIFF, WHILE I LOOK AROUND!
SO! THEY WANT POPCORN AND SODA, EH?

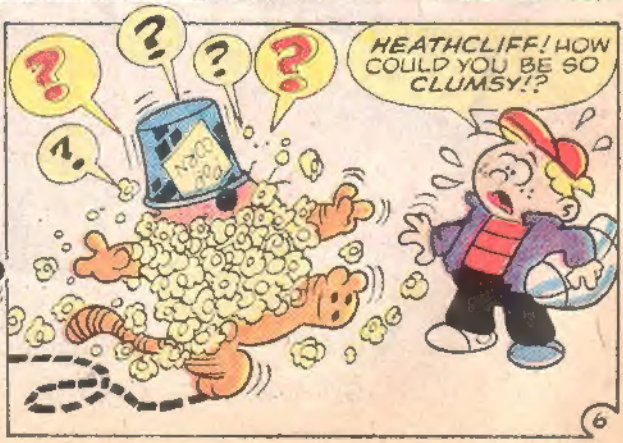

COME ON, BLANCHE!

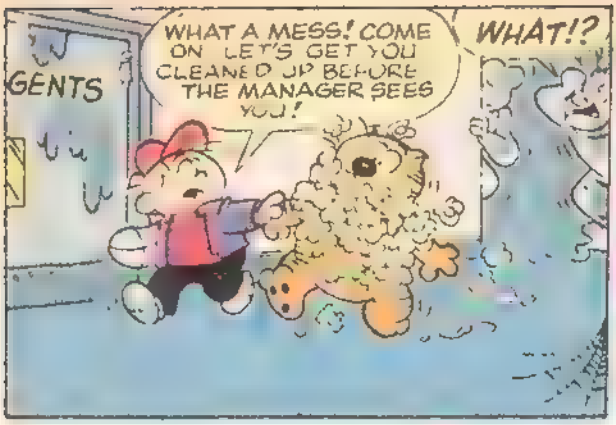
HEH HEH!
SODA

WHOOSH!
SODA

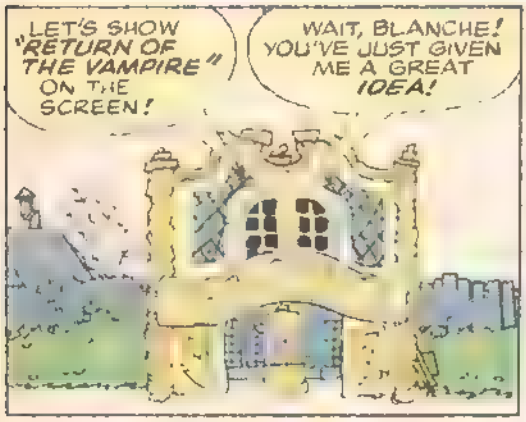


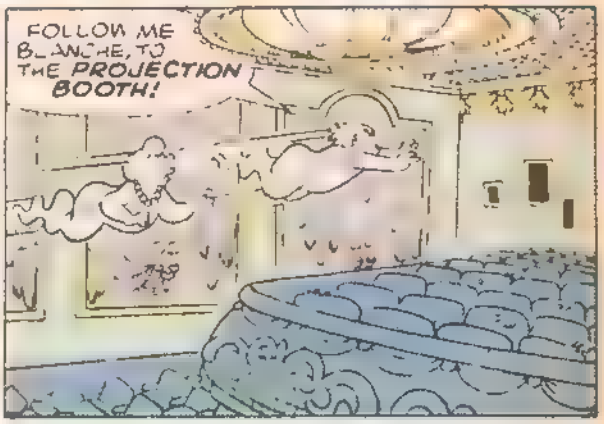

HEE HEE!
PUMP!

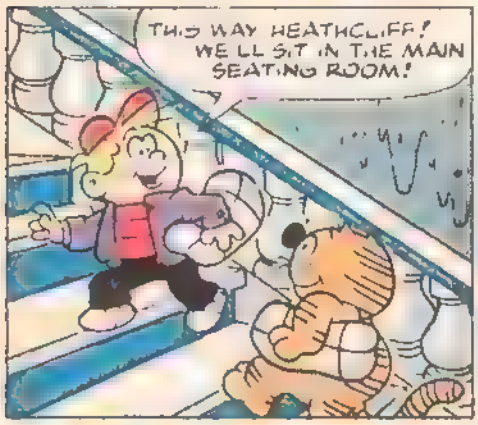

HEATHCLIFF! HOW COULD YOU BE SO CLUMSY!?

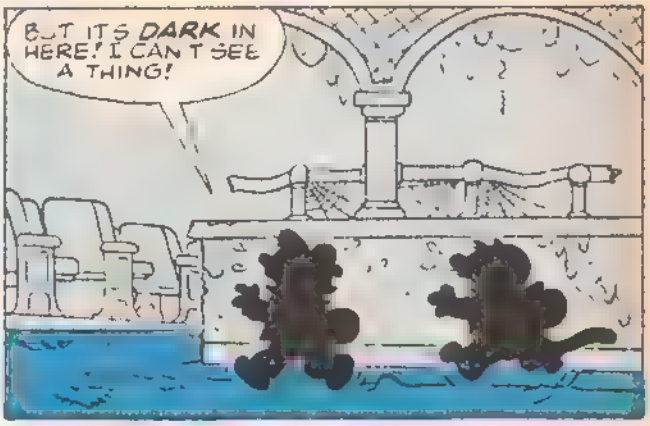

GENTS
WHAT A MESS! COME ON LET'S GET YOU CLEANED UP BEFORE THE MANAGER SEES YOU!
WHAT!?

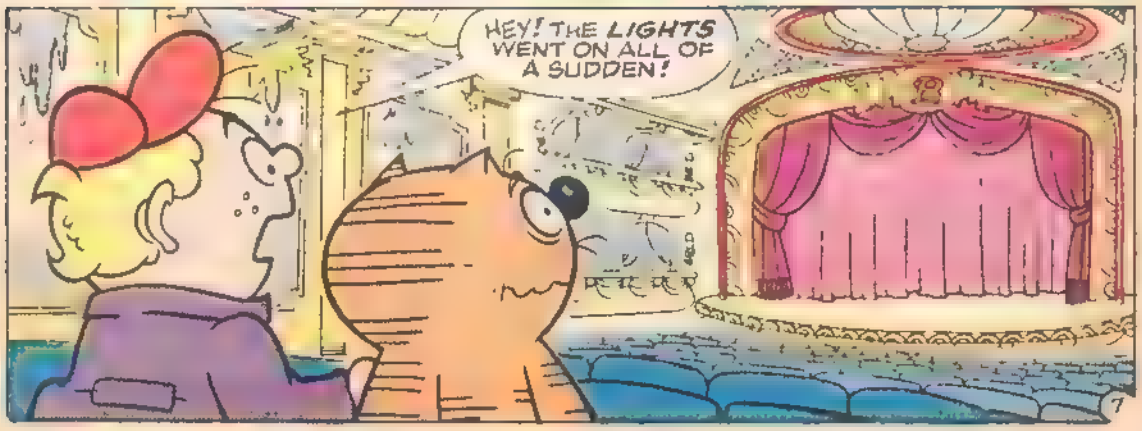
NOTHING SCARES THESE GUYS, BLANCHE! COULD WE BE LOSING OUR TOUCH?
I KNOW A SURE WAY TO SCARE THEM!

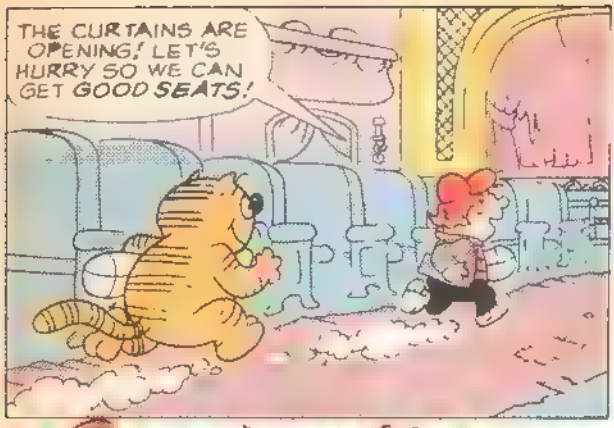

LET'S SHOW "RETURN OF THE VAMPIRE" ON THE SCREEN!
WAIT, BLANCHE! YOU'VE JUST GIVEN ME A GREAT IDEA!

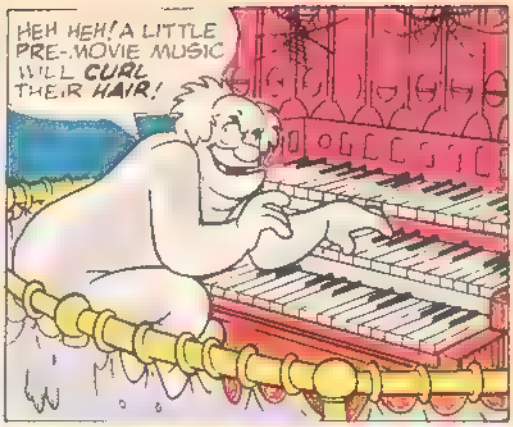

FOLLOW ME BLANCHE, TO THE PROJECTION BOOTH!

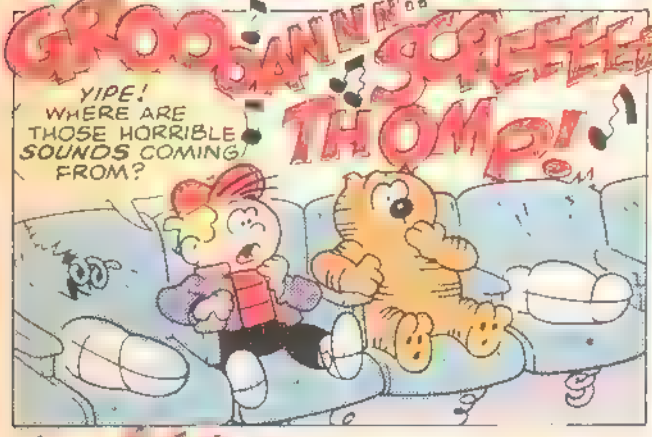

THIS WAY HEATHCLIFF! WE'LL SIT IN THE MAIN SEATING ROOM!


BUT ITS DARK IN HERE! I CAN'T SEE A THING!

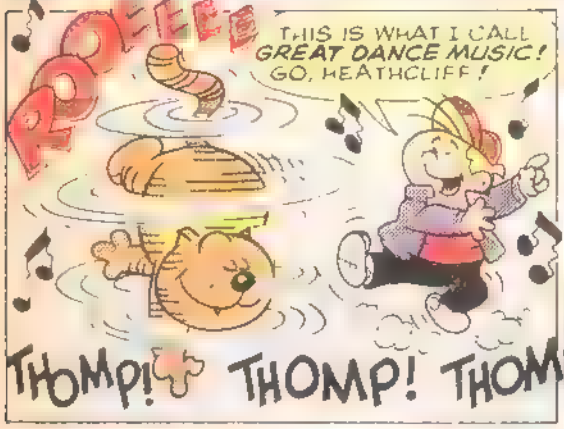

HEY! THE LIGHTS WENT ON ALL OF A SUDDEN!

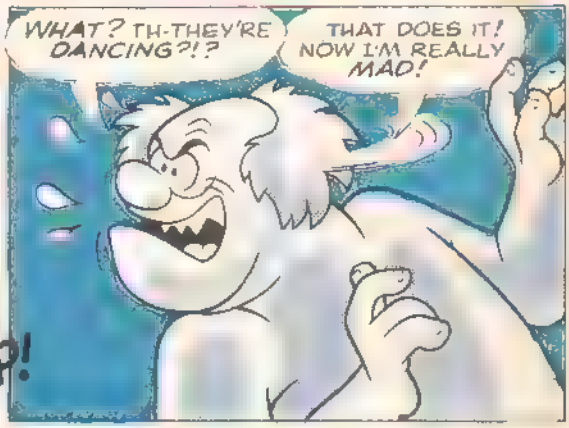

THE CURTAINS ARE OPENING! LET'S HURRY SO WE CAN GET GOOD SEATS!

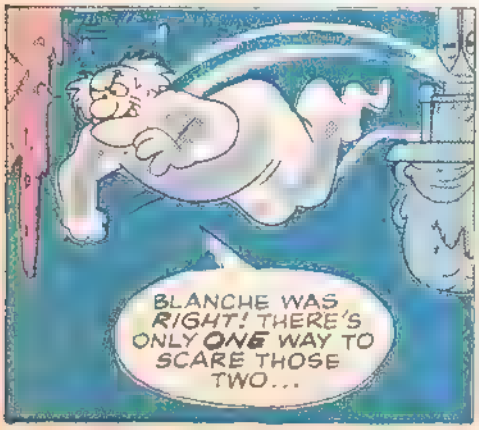

HEH HEH! A LITTLE PRE-MOVIE MUSIC WILL CURL THEIR HAIR!

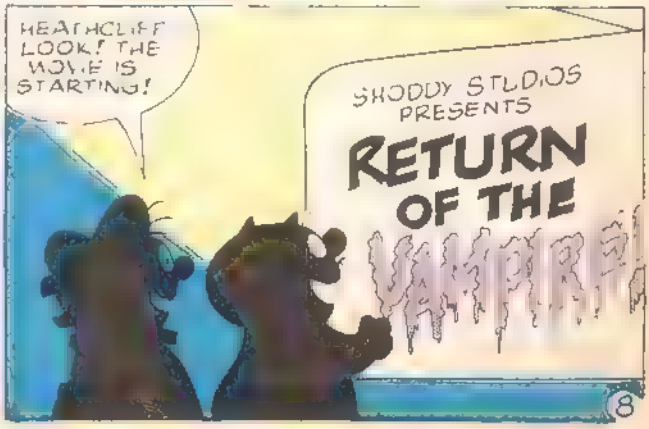

GROOWNN SQUEEEE THOMP!
YIPE! WHERE ARE THOSE HORRIBLE SOUNDS COMING FROM?

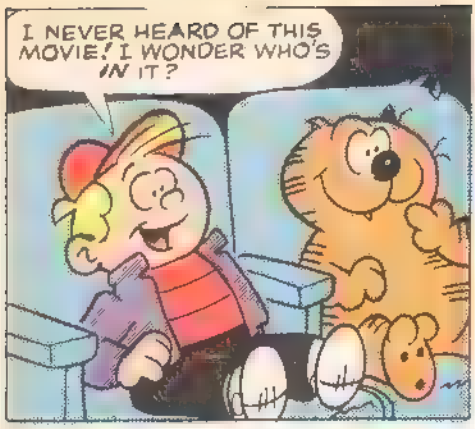
WAIT A MINUTE! I THINK I RECOGNIZE THIS SONG! IT'S FROM THE NEW HAROLD AND THE HICCUPS ALBUM!
SQUEEEE

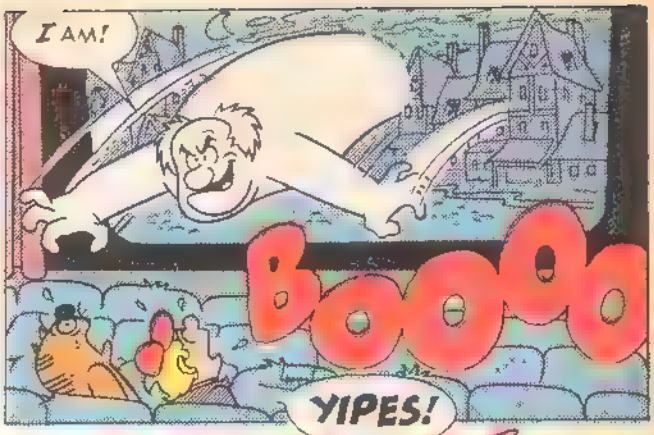

ROOEEE
THIS IS WHAT I CALL GREAT DANCE MUSIC! GO, HEATHCLIFF!
THOMP! THOMP! THOMP!

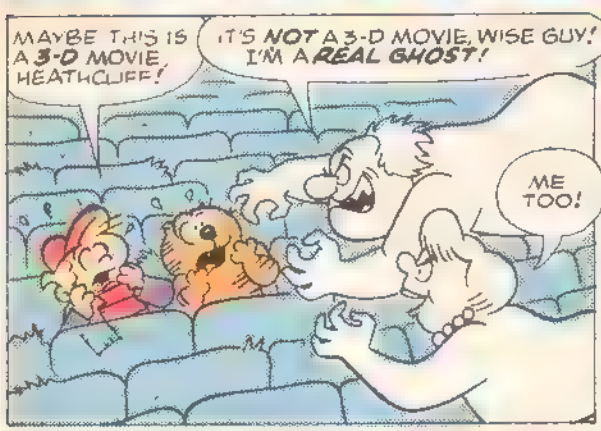

WHAT? TH-THEY'RE DANCING?!?
THAT DOES IT! NOW I'M REALLY MAD!

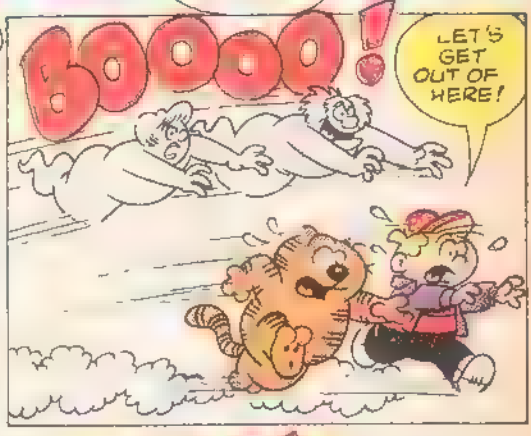

BLANCHE WAS RIGHT! THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO SCARE THOSE TWO...


HEATHCLIFF LOOK! THE MOVIE IS STARTING!
SHODDY STUDIOS PRESENTS
RETURN OF THE VAMPIRE!


I NEVER HEARD OF THIS MOVIE! I WONDER WHO'S IN IT?


I AM!
BOOOO
YIPES!


MAYBE THIS IS A 3-D MOVIE, HEATHCLIFF!
IT'S NOT A 3-D MOVIE, WISE GUY! I'M A REAL GHOST!
ME TOO!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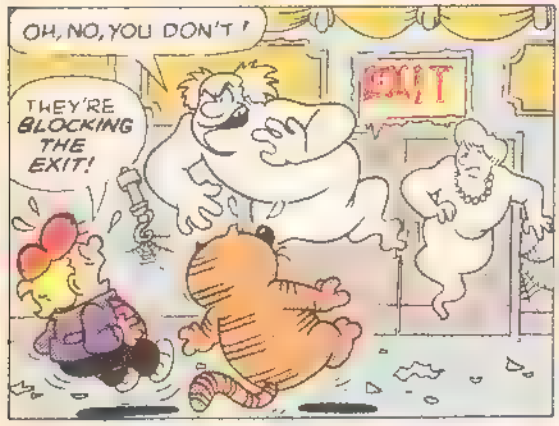
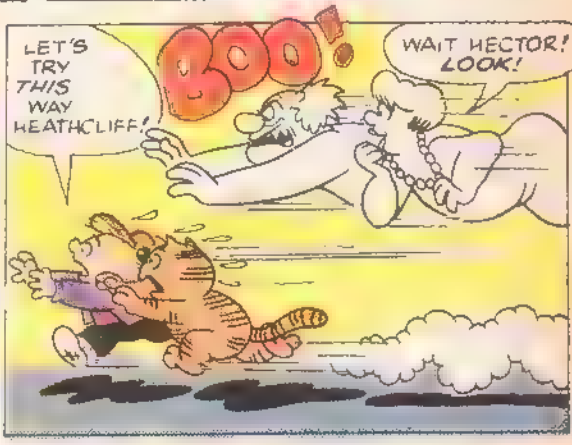
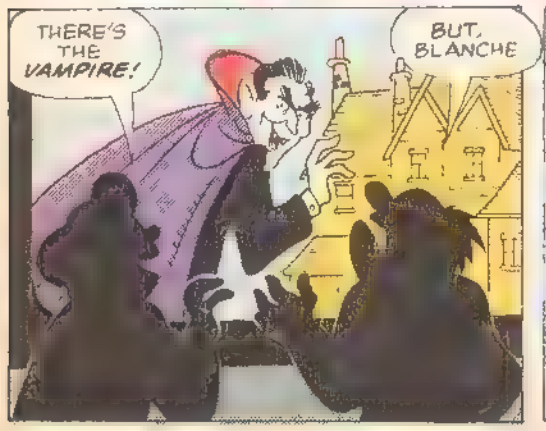
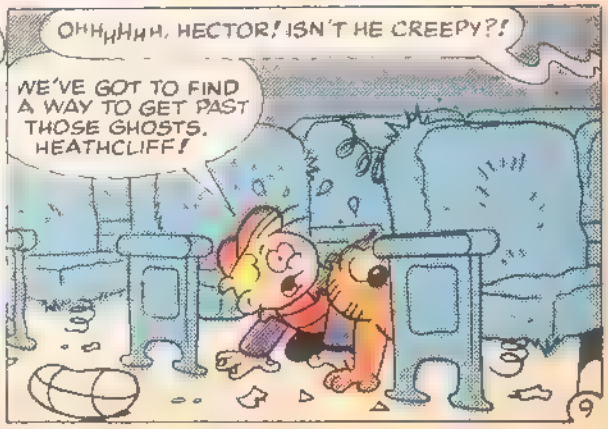
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!


OH, NO, YOU DON'T!
THEY'RE BLOCKING THE EXIT!
EXIT


LET'S TRY THIS WAY HEATHCLIFF!
BOO!
WAIT HECTOR! LOOK!


THERE'S THE VAMPIRE!
BUT, BLANCHE


OHHHHH, HECTOR! ISN'T HE CREEPY?!
WE'VE GOT TO FIND A WAY TO GET PAST THOSE GHOSTS, HEATHCLIFF!

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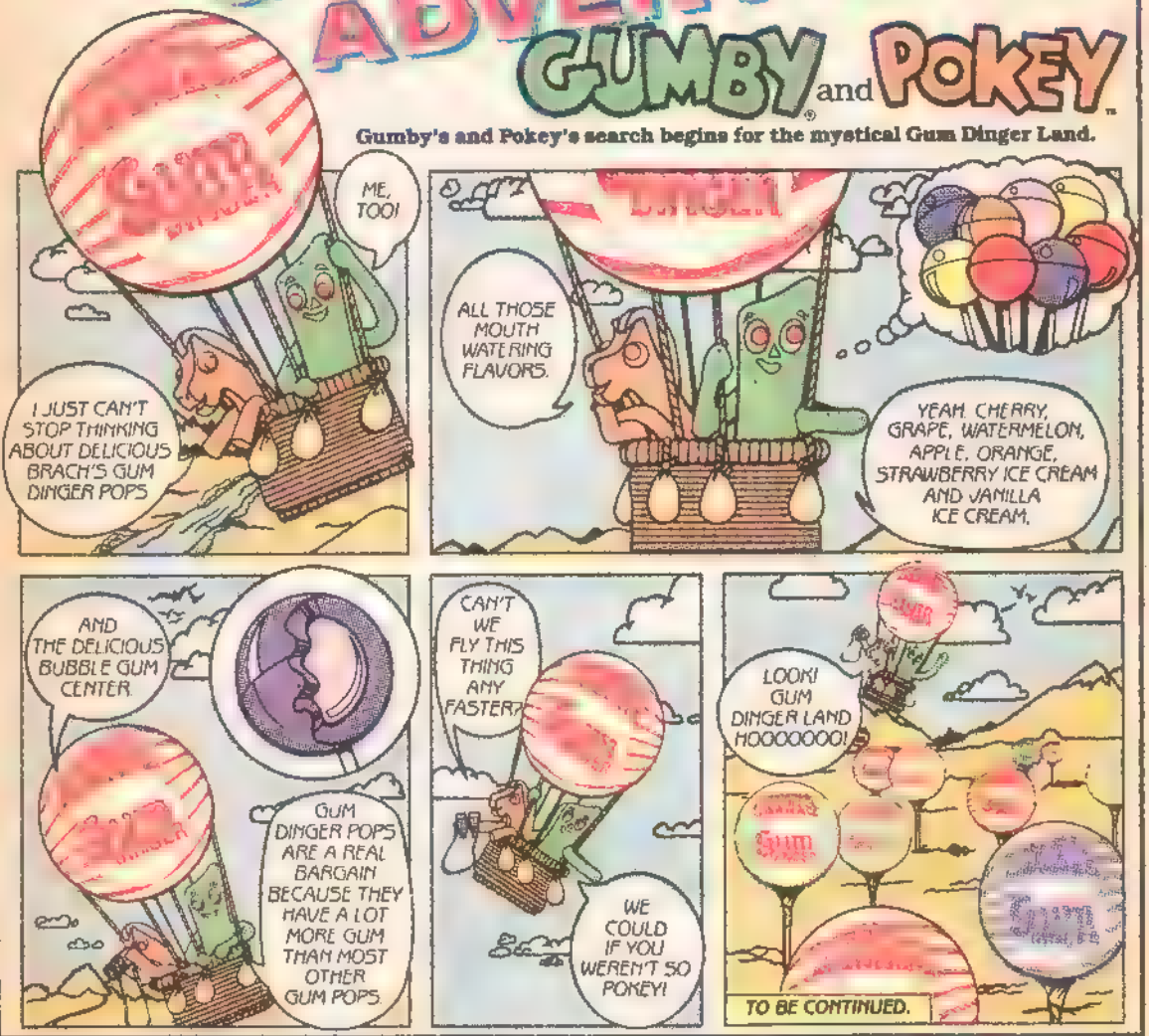

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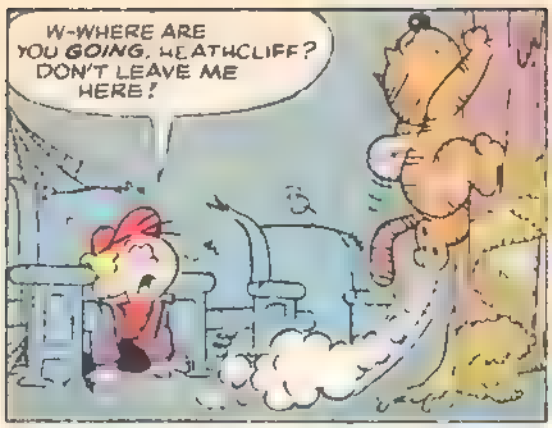
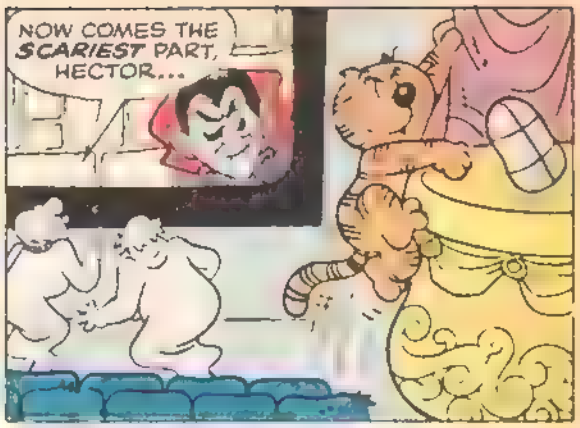
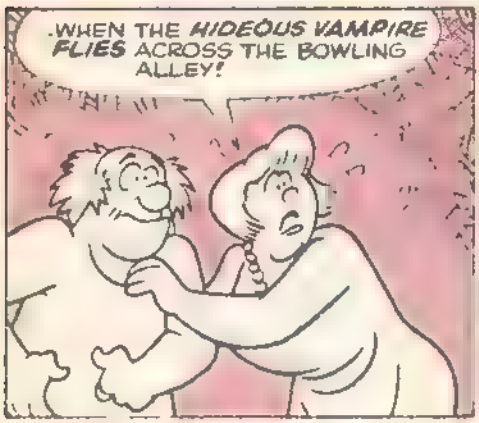
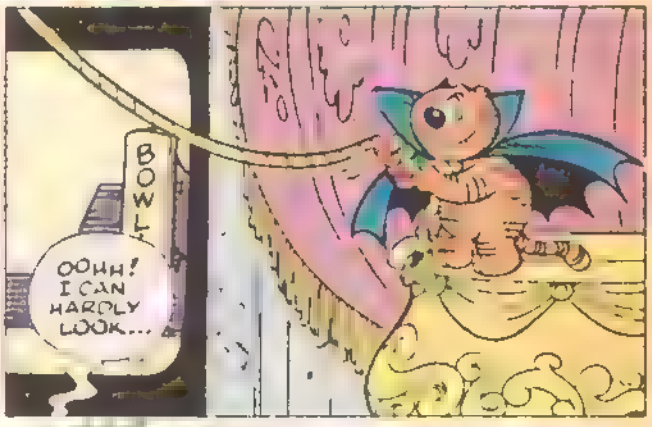

W-WHERE ARE YOU GOING, HEATHCLIFF? DON'T LEAVE ME HERE!


NOW COMES THE SCARIEST PART, HECTOR...


WHEN THE HIDEOUS VAMPIRE FLIES ACROSS THE BOWLING ALLEY!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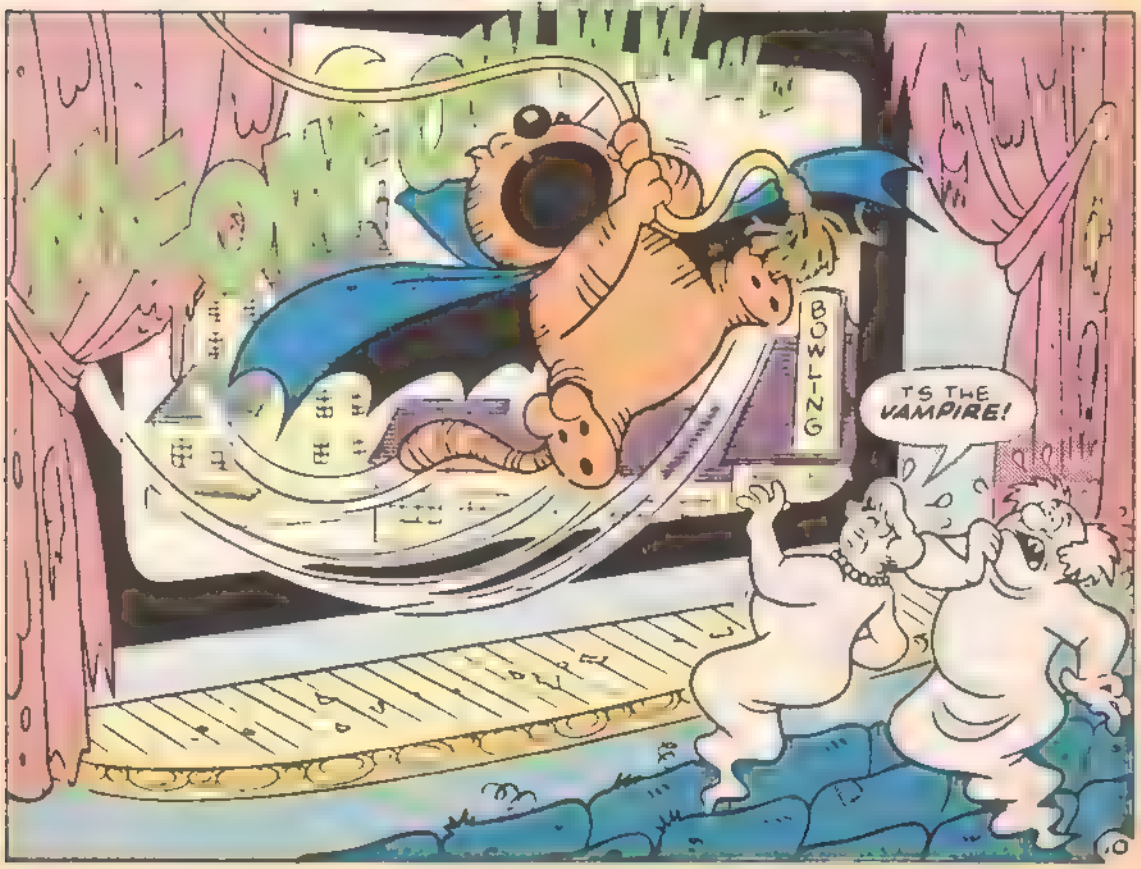
OOHH! I CAN HARDLY LOOK...


BOWLING
IS THE VAMPIRE!

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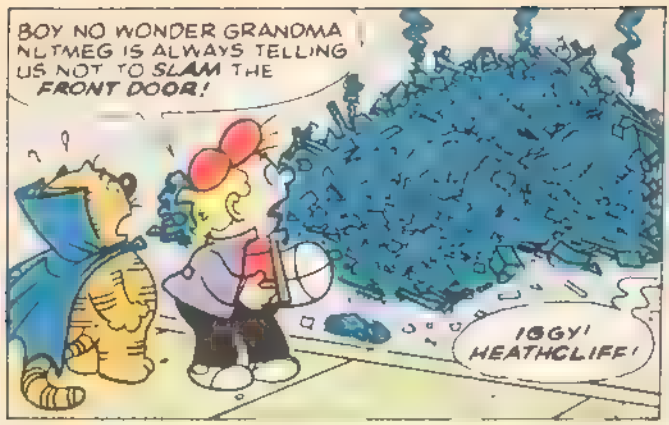
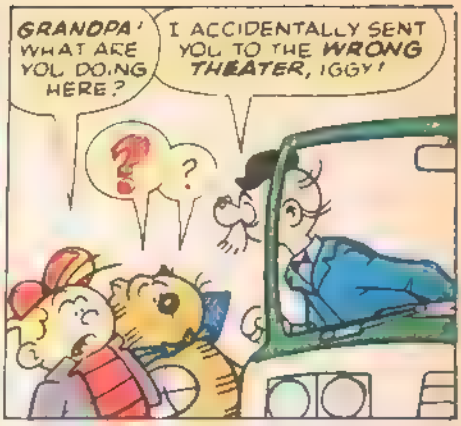
YAAAAA!
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE, HECTOR!
WOW, HEATHCLIFF! YOUR COSTUME REALLY SCARED THEM! NOW LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
AND LET'S HURRY BEFORE THEY COME BACK!
SUM!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE!
YOW! THE WHOLE THEATRE COLLAPSED!
CRASH!


BOY NO WONDER GRANDMA NUTMEG IS ALWAYS TELLING US NOT TO SLAM THE FRONT DOOR!
IGGY! HEATHCLIFF!


GRANDPA! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I ACCIDENTALLY SENT YOU TO THE WRONG THEATER, IGGY!
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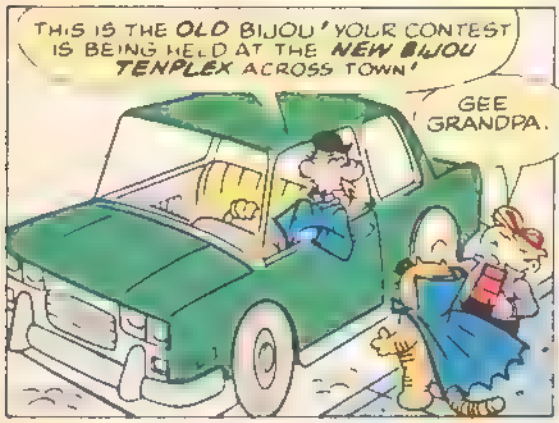
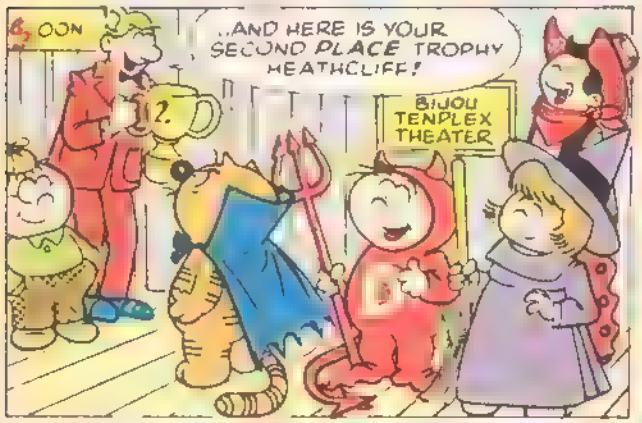

THIS IS THE OLD BIJOU! YOUR CONTEST IS BEING HELD AT THE NEW BIJOU TENPLEX ACROSS TOWN!
GEE GRANDPA.

THAT MEANS WE MISSED THE CONTEST!
NO! YOU GUYS CAN STILL MAKE IT IN TIME IF WE HURRY! COME ON!


SOON
..AND HERE IS YOUR SECOND PLACE TROPHY HEATHCLIFF!
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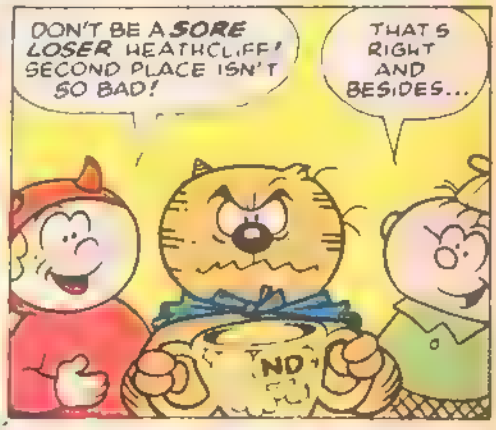
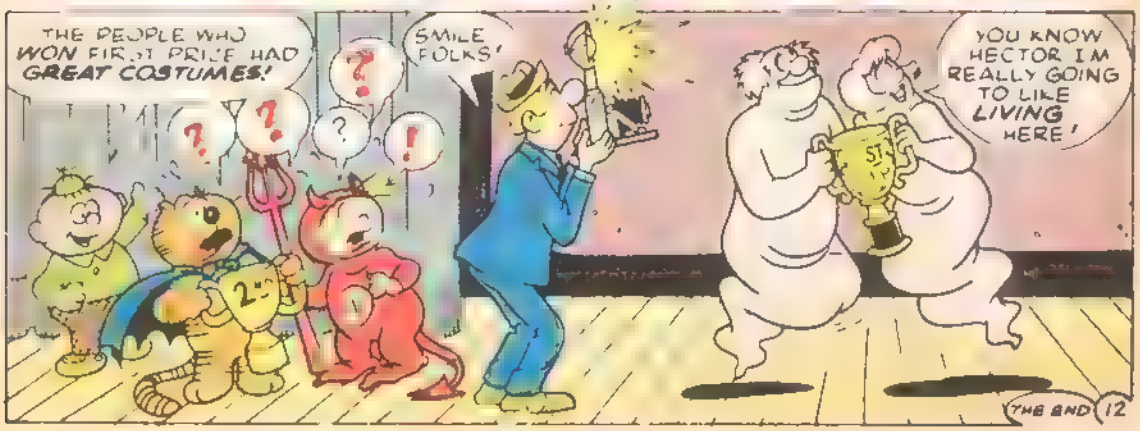
BIJOU TENPLEX THEATER


DON'T BE A SORE LOSER HEATHCLIFF! SECOND PLACE ISN'T SO BAD!
THAT'S RIGHT AND BESIDES...
NO


THE PEOPLE WHO WON FIRST PRIZE HAD GREAT COSTUMES!
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SMILE FOLKS!
YOU KNOW HECTOR I'M REALLY GOING TO LIKE LIVING HERE!
THE END

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HE'S A CHIPMUNK, YOU DODO!

LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GOING ON SAME TIME AS LAST YEAR, ALVIN... ALVIN? ALVIN!

I'M NOT A DODO, I'M A DOG! NAME'S FOOFUR!

MR. SMURF, I HAVE A MR. GARGAMEL ON THE LINE.

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I HOPE SO. OTHERWISE, THE SMURFS WOULD HAVE TO GET UP A HALF-HOUR EARLIER.

AND IF THAT HAPPENS I'LL SCREAM TILL I TURN BLUE.

YOU ALREADY ARE

OH, YEAH.

WELL I'LL BE DOGGONE. WONDER WHAT THEY CALL HIM A FOO' FER?

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. AND **PULLED** IT, LIKE THIS, JUST AS I WAS COMING UP THE WALK. .

.CAUSING ME TO **TRIP** AND SPILL ALL OF MY **MILK DELIVERY!!**

NOW, NOW, MR. MCKURDLE, I'LL SEE THAT WE HAVE A **FAIR TRIAL!** PLEASE BE SEATED!

YES YOUR HONOR!

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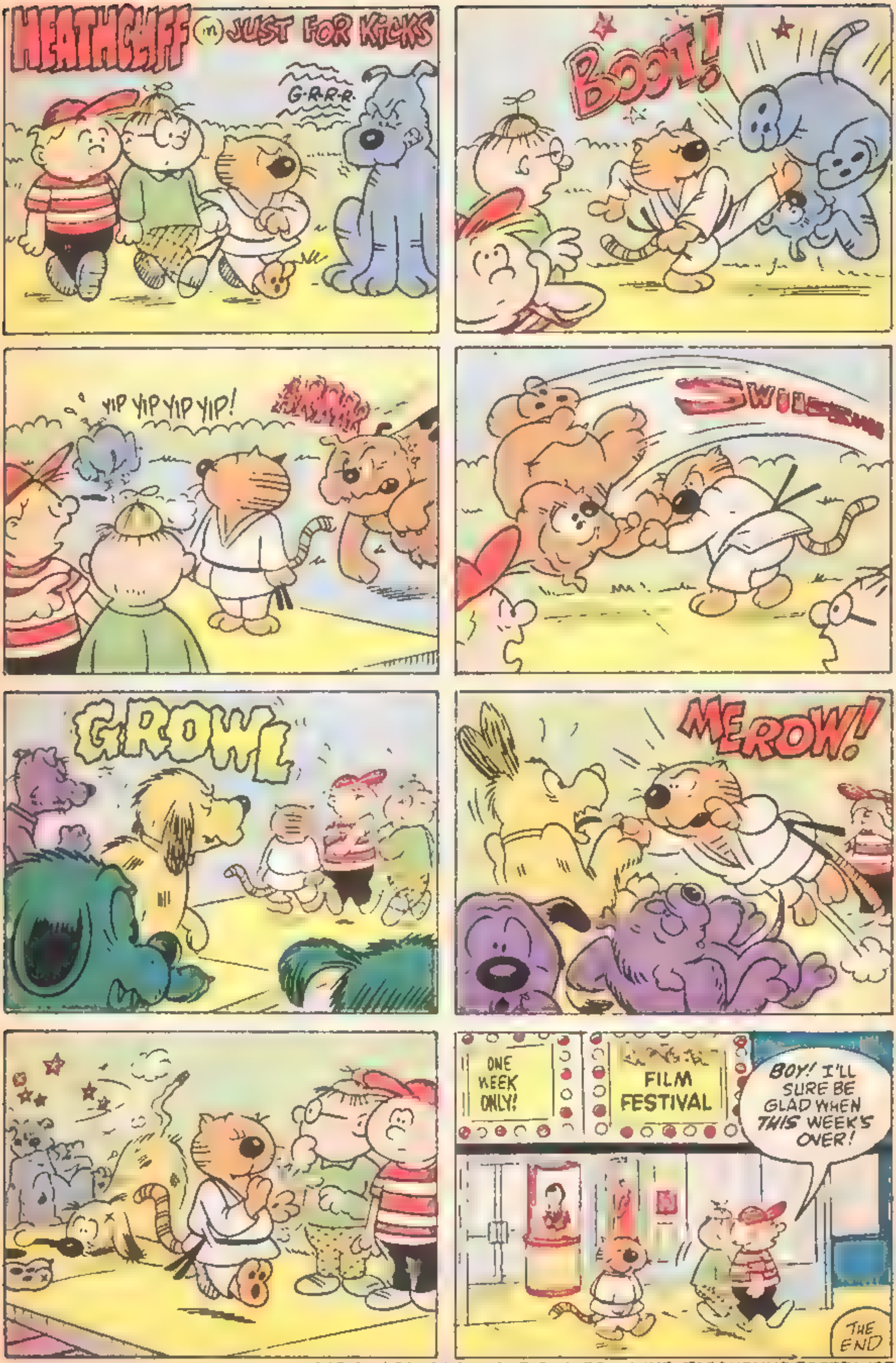
AND THANK YOU...

CRASH!

THIS ISN'T GOING TO HELP YOUR "**NOT GUILTY**" PLEA!

THE END



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HEATHCLIFF IN ACES HIGH

I'M SORRY I GOT PICKED OFF SECOND, *HEATHCLIFF*, BUT *YOU* WEREN'T SO HOT YOURSELF!

HOW ABOUT THE BALLS YOU BOBBLED AT THIRD?

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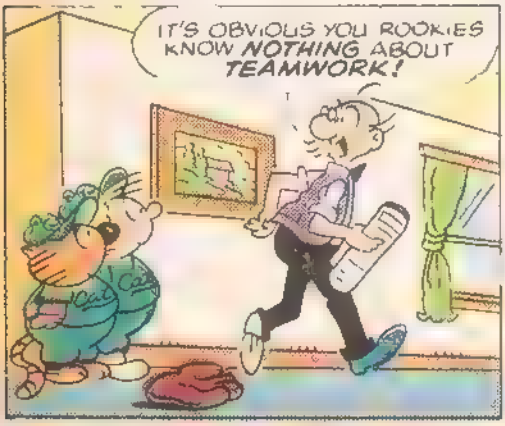

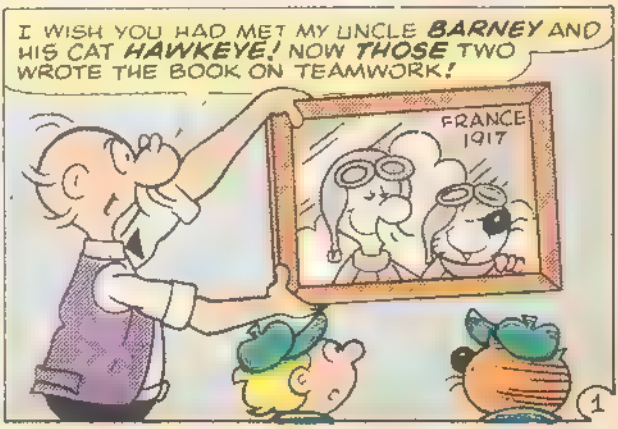

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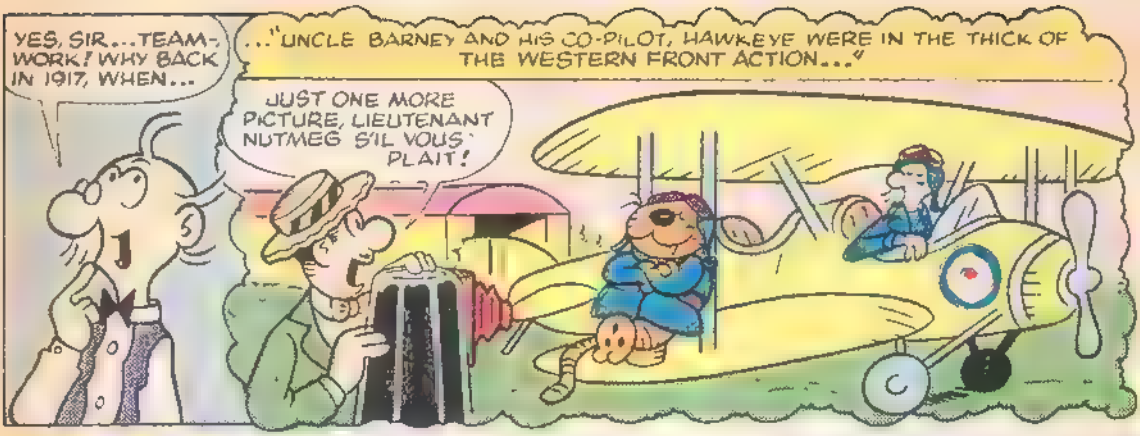
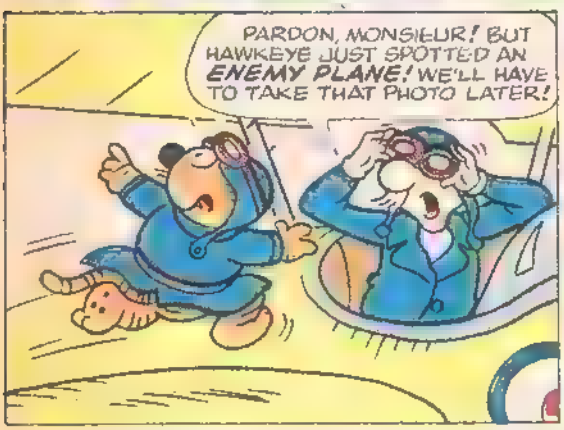
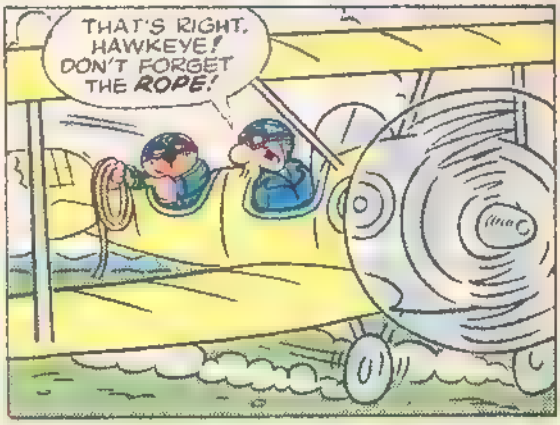
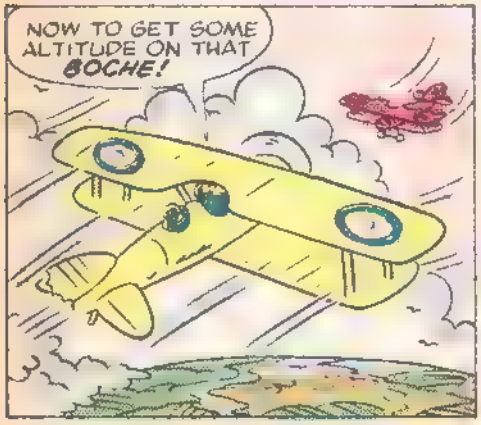
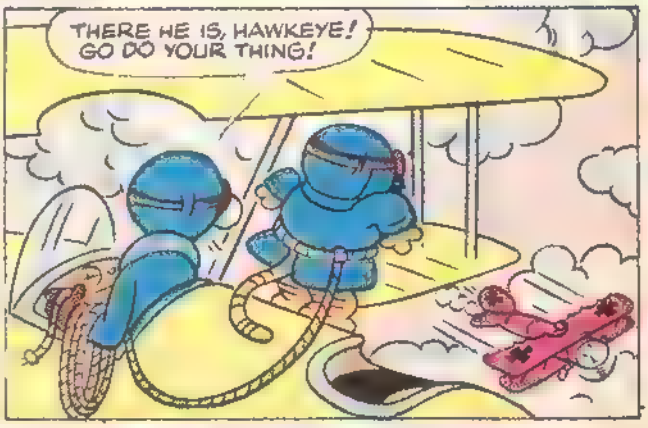
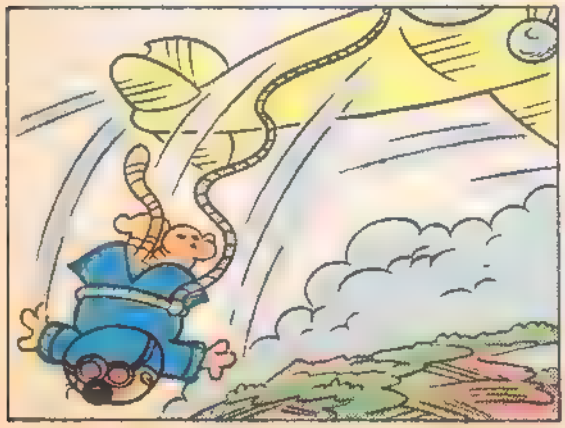

YES, SIR...TEAM-WORK! WHY BACK IN 1917, WHEN...
..."UNCLE BARNEY AND HIS CO-PILOT, HAWKEYE WERE IN THE THICK OF THE WESTERN FRONT ACTION..."
JUST ONE MORE PICTURE, LIEUTENANT NUTMEG S'IL VOUS PLAIT!

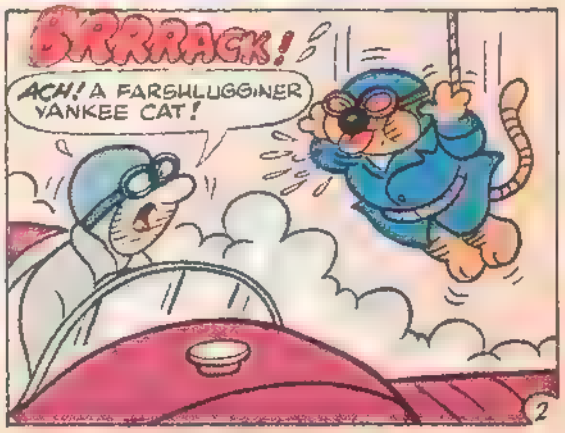

PARDON, MONSIEUR! BUT HAWKEYE JUST SPOTTED AN ENEMY PLANE! WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE THAT PHOTO LATER!

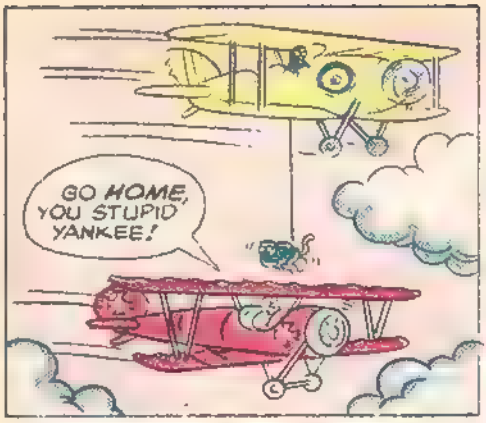

THAT'S RIGHT, HAWKEYE! DON'T FORGET THE ROPE!

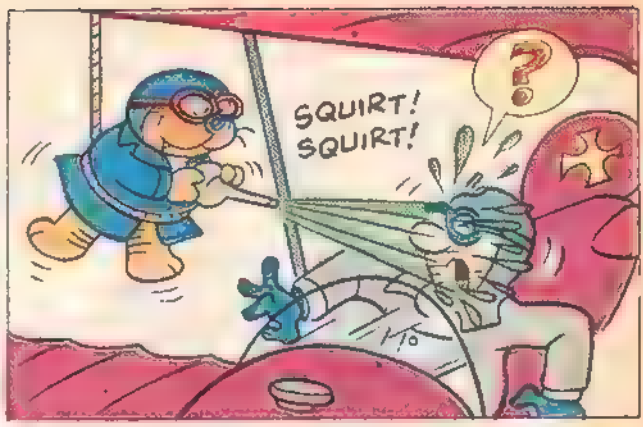

NOW TO GET SOME ALTITUDE ON THAT BOCHE!


THERE HE IS, HAWKEYE! GO DO YOUR THING!




BRRRACK!
ACH! A FARSHLUGGINER YANKEE CAT!


GO HOME, YOU STUPID YANKEE!


SQUIRT! SQUIRT!
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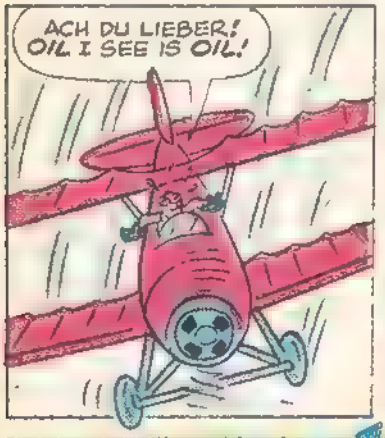
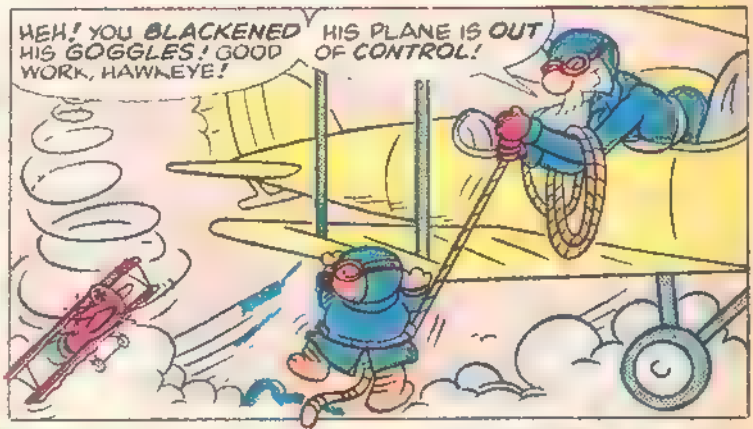
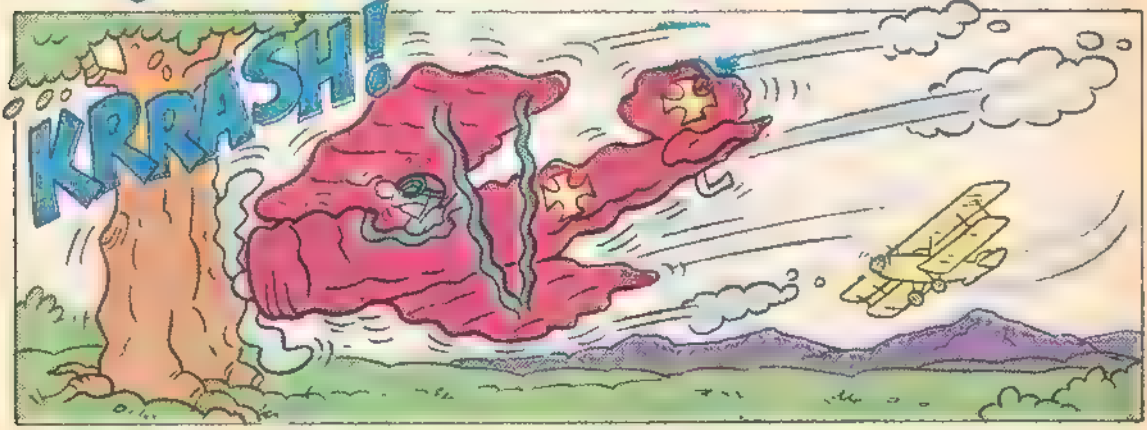
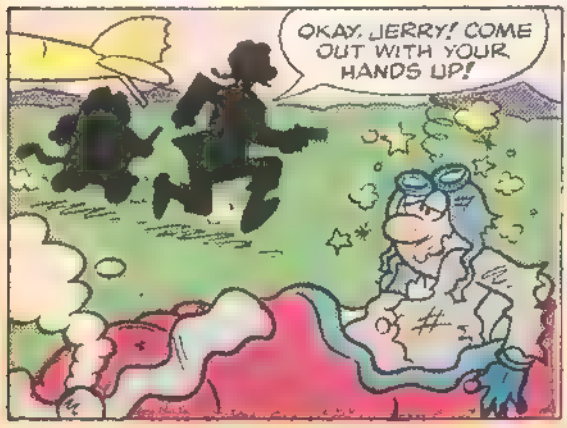
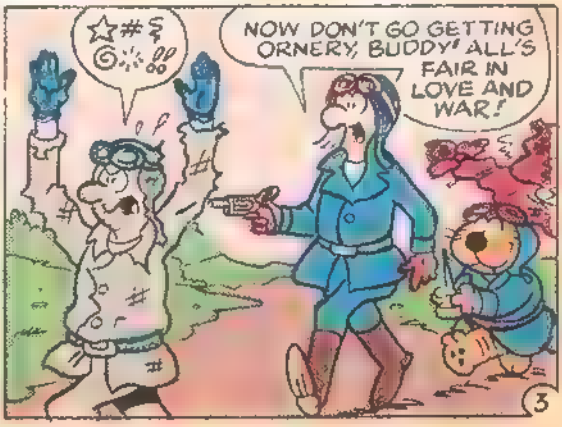
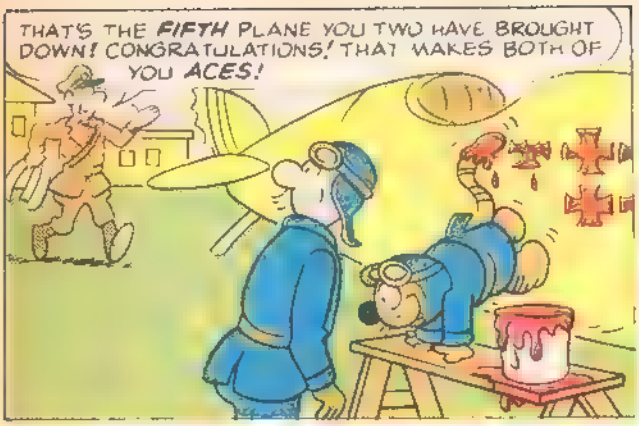

ACH DU LIEBER! OIL I SEE IS OIL!

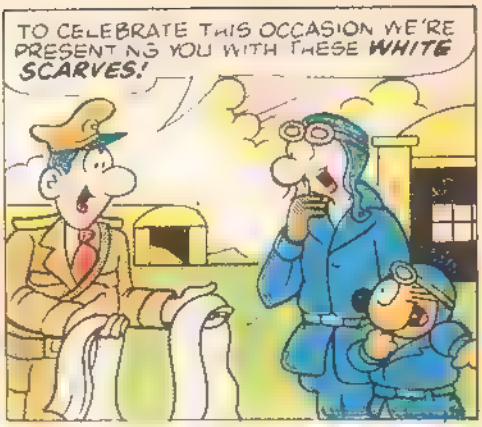

HEH! YOU BLACKENED HIS GOGGLES! GOOD WORK, HAWKEYE!
HIS PLANE IS OUT OF CONTROL!


KRRASH!

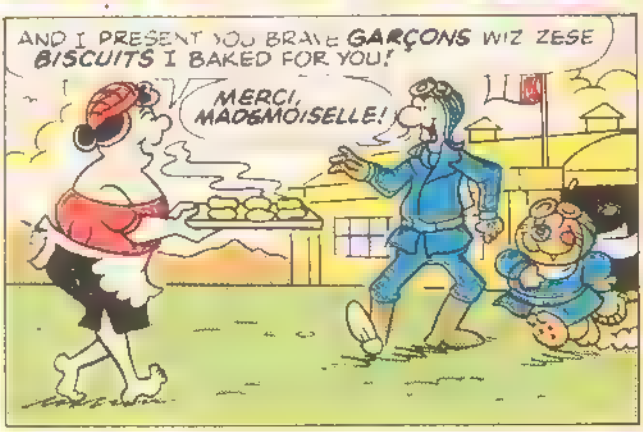

OKAY, JERRY! COME OUT WITH YOUR HANDS UP!


☆#$ @%!!
NOW DON'T GO GETTING ORNERY, BUDDY! ALL'S FAIR IN LOVE AND WAR!


THAT'S THE FIFTH PLANE YOU TWO HAVE BROUGHT DOWN! CONGRATULATIONS! THAT MAKES BOTH OF YOU ACES!


TO CELEBRATE THIS OCCASION WE'RE PRESENTING YOU WITH THESE WHITE SCARVES!

HAWKEYE IS TOUCHED!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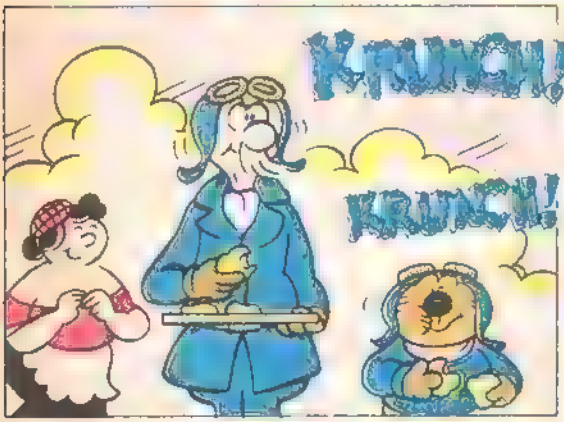
MERCI, MADEMOISELLE!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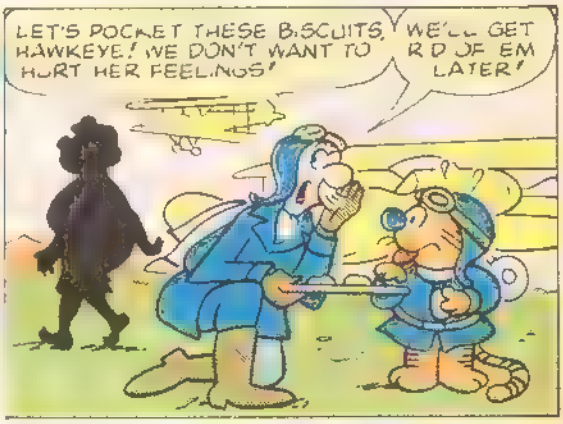
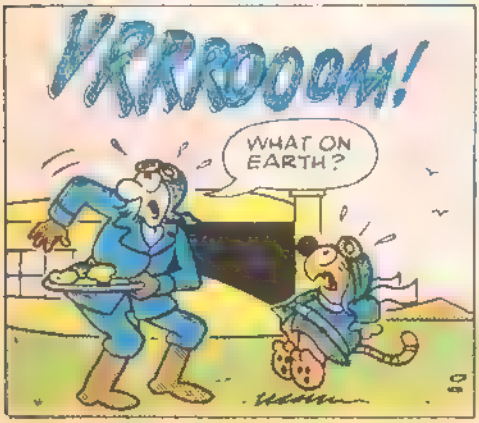

LET'S POCKET THESE BISCUITS, HAWKEYE! WE DON'T WANT TO HURT HER FEELINGS!
WE'LL GET RID OF EM LATER!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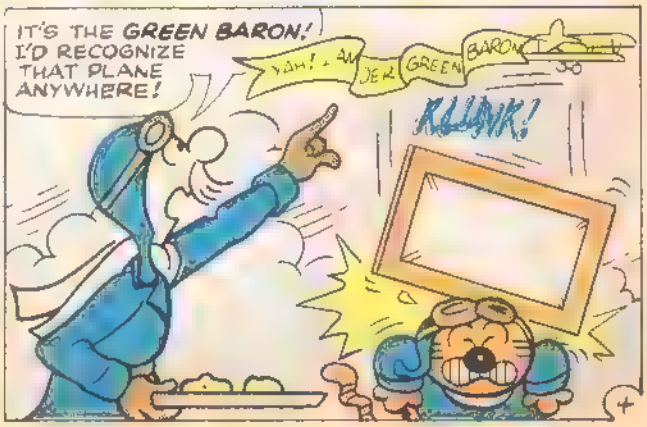
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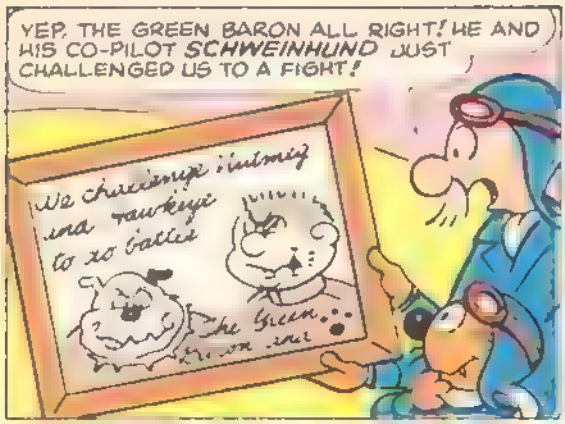
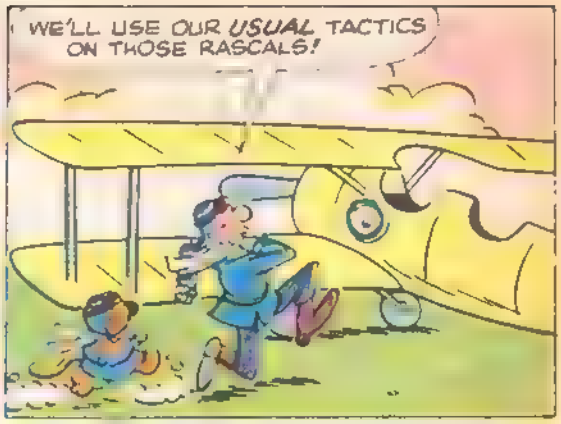
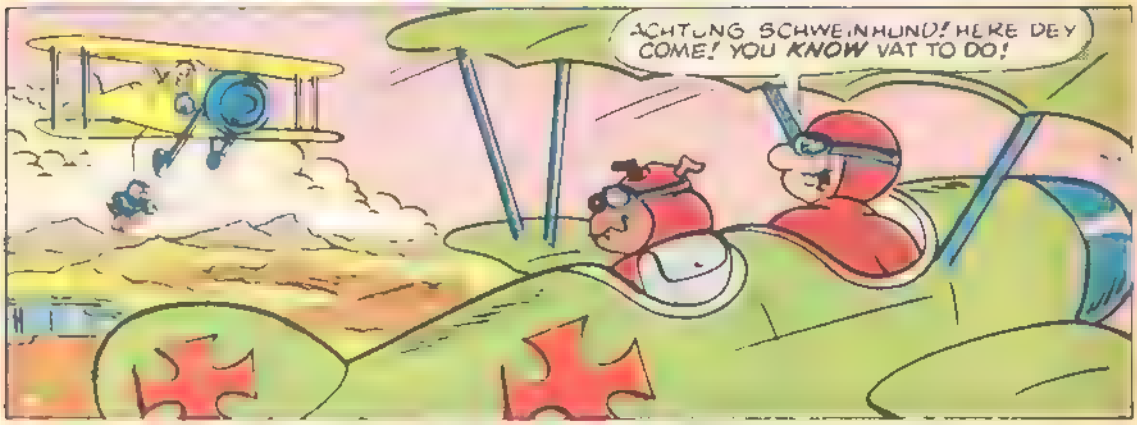
YAH! I AM DER GREEN BARON
KLUNK!


YEP, THE GREEN BARON ALL RIGHT! HE AND HIS CO-PILOT *SCHWEINHUND* JUST CHALLENGED US TO A FIGHT!


WE'LL USE OUR *USUAL* TACTICS ON THOSE RASCALS!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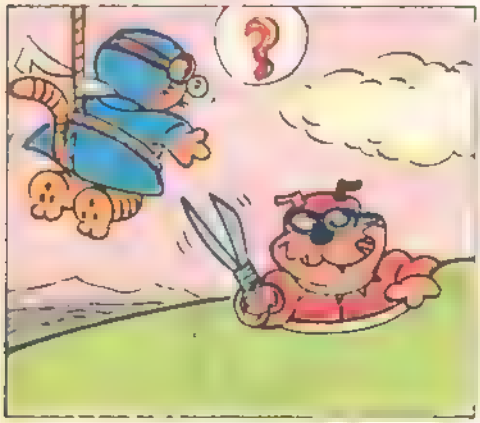
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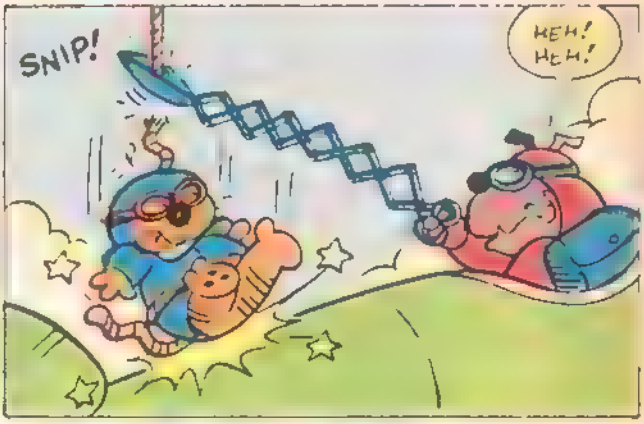
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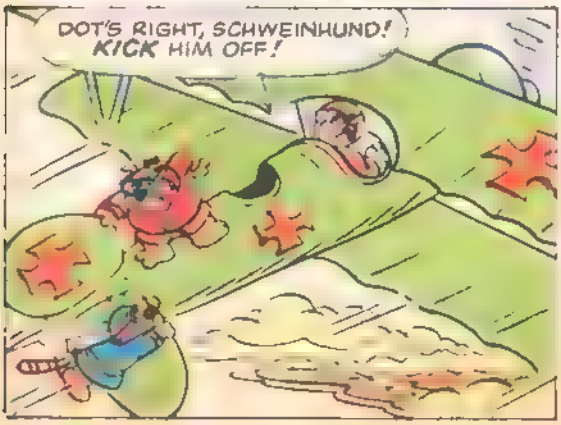
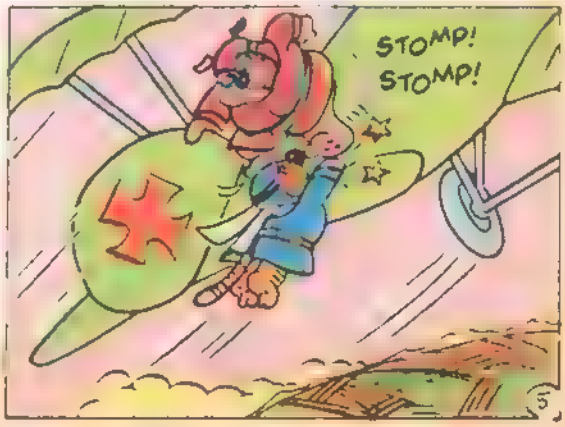

DOT'S RIGHT, SCHWEINHUND! *KICK* HIM OFF!


STOMP! STOMP!

STAR SIGNALS

At last! The mail bags have all been emptied! I've opened every letter, and counted all the votes! The results are final! The time has come to announce the winners of our very first ANNUAL SUPER-STAR AWARDS!

FAVORITE CHARACTER—
TOP DOG

With more than twice as many votes as any other character, good ol' *Top Dog* was clearly the peoples choice. It's real obvious that our ever-friendly talking canine has won a very special place in your hearts. Tied for second place was *Wicket* (of **EWOKS** fame) and *Lion-O* (the leader of the **THUNDERCATS**)

FAVORITE CREATIVE PERSON—
DAVE MANAK

As most of you already know *Dave* is the regular writer on such books as **EWOKS** and **DROIDS**, as well as **HEATHCLIFF** and **MAD-BALLS**. He must be doing something right because an awful lot of you voted for him. (Gosh, I hope he doesn't use this as an excuse to ask me for another raise!) Your other top favorite creative people were *Warren Kremer* (the penciler of **TOP DOG HUGGA BUNCH** and a host of other titles), *David Michelinie* (writer of **THUNDERCATS**), *Marie Severin* (artist on **FRAGGLE ROCK** and **MUPPET BABIES**), and *George Roussos* (who colors books like **CARE BEARS** and **HEATHCLIFF**). A few of you even voted for me, but I took myself out of the running because I didn't think it would be fair since I was the guy who was running the contest and counting the votes. (Besides, after the first few sacks of mail, I realized that I wasn't going to win, anyway!)

FAVORITE STORY—a three way tie between:

"Eye Of The Kreegon" (**EWOKS** #8)
"The Storyland Caper" (**MUPPET BABIES** #8)
"Jaga Quest" (**THUNDERCATS** #4)

Whew! This was the hardest category of all! It seemed like everyone of you had a different favorite story, and I'm sure that every story we've ever published received at least one vote. The runners-up are *"The Town That Never Grew up"* (**PETER PORKER, THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-HAM** #3), "The Care Bears Meet The Scare Bear" (**CARE BEARS** #4) and *"The Secret Life Of Top Dog"* (**TOP DOG** #4)

I want to thank the many thousands of you who took the time to vote. I really enjoyed reading all of your letters, and finding out your real favorites among STAR COMICS. Don't be sad if your particular favorites didn't win this year, because we'll do this again next year!

See you next month.

Thanks for being there!

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Tom DeFalco, STAR Executive Editor

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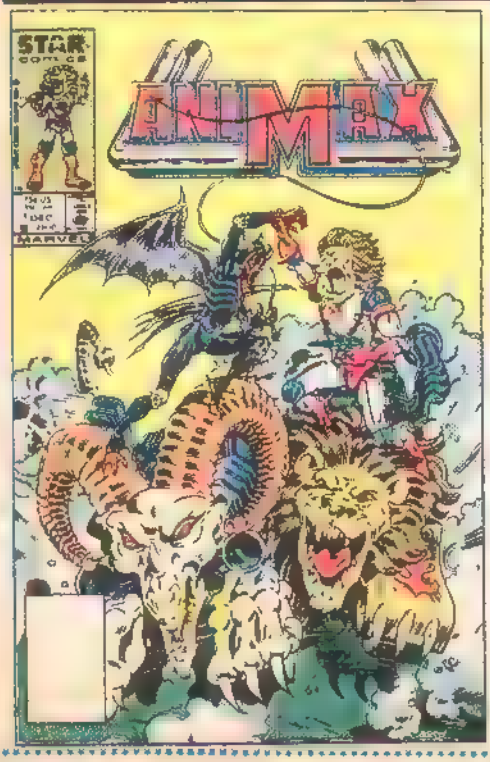

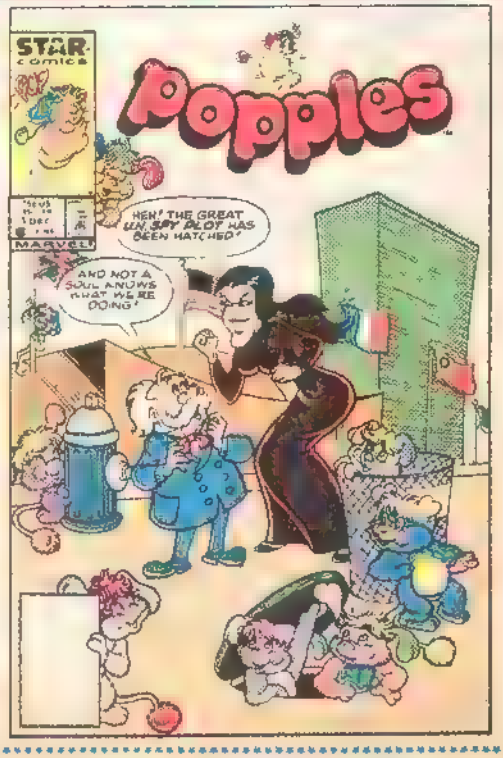

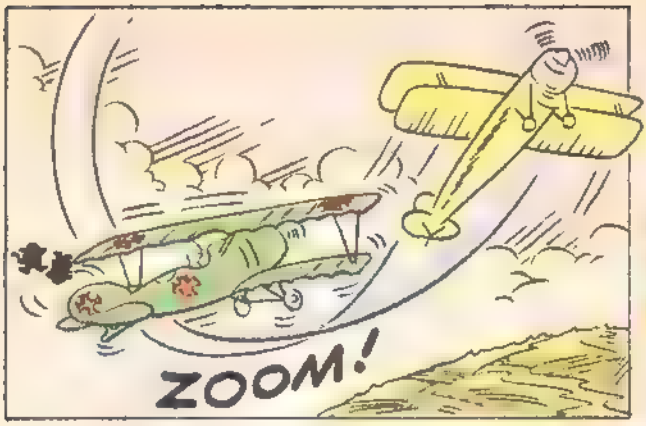
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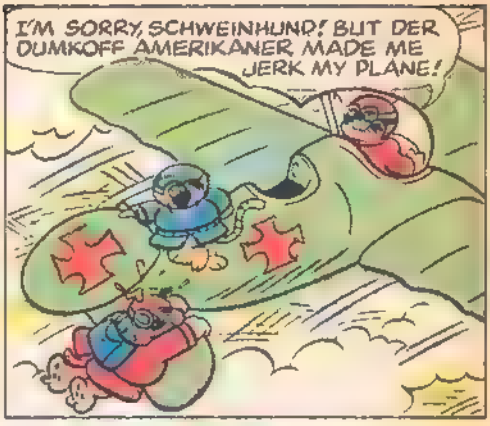
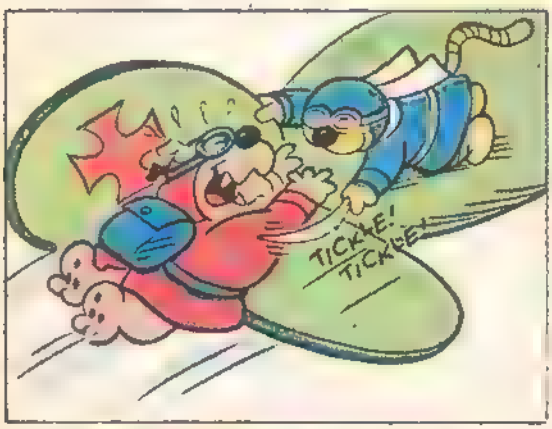

I'M SORRY, SCHWEINHUND! BUT DER DUMKOFF AMERIKANER MADE ME JERK MY PLANE!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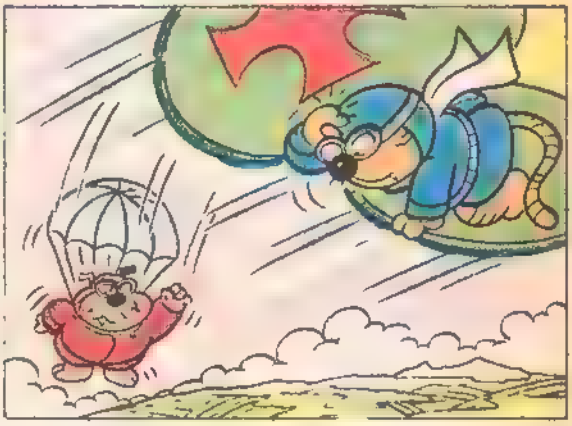
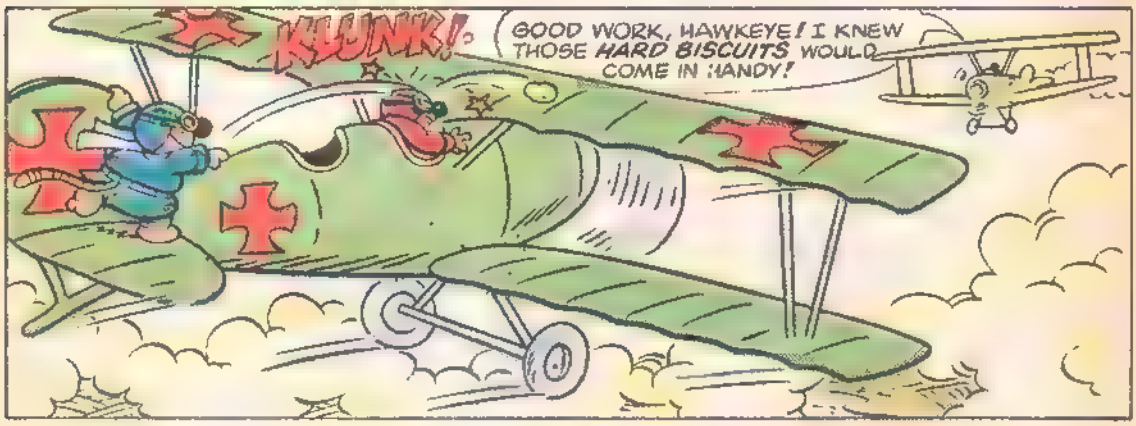
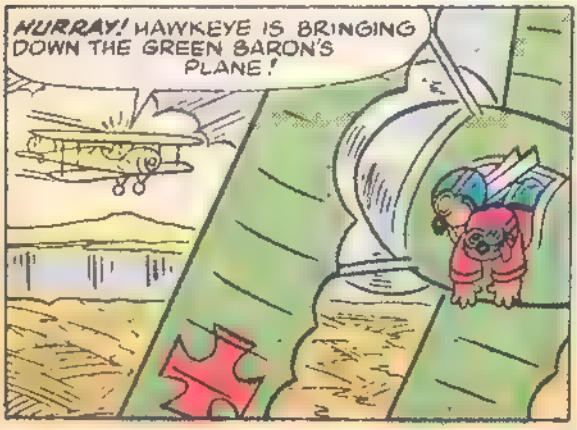
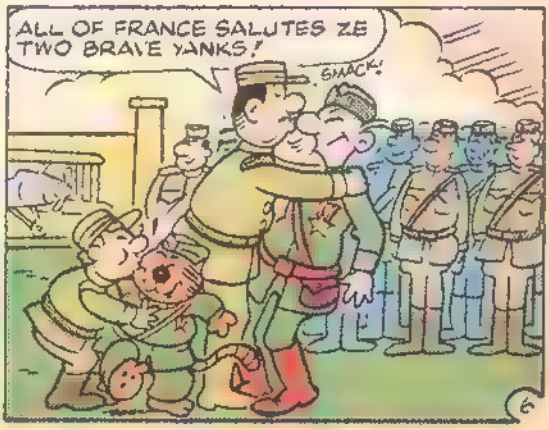



KLUNK!
GOOD WORK, HAWKEYE! I KNEW THOSE HARD BISCUITS WOULD COME IN HANDY!


HURRAY! HAWKEYE IS BRINGING DOWN THE GREEN BARON'S PLANE!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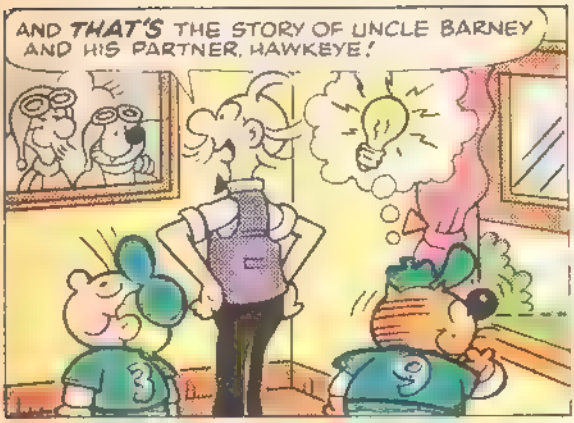
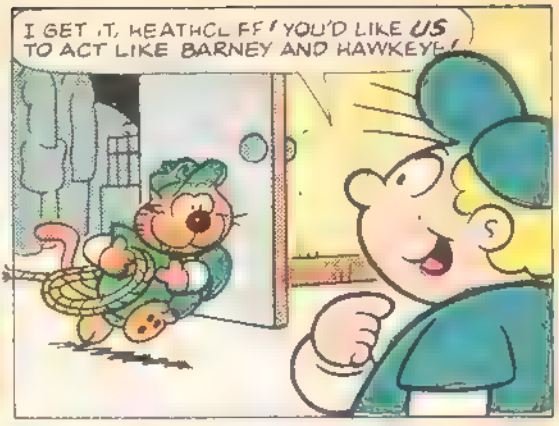
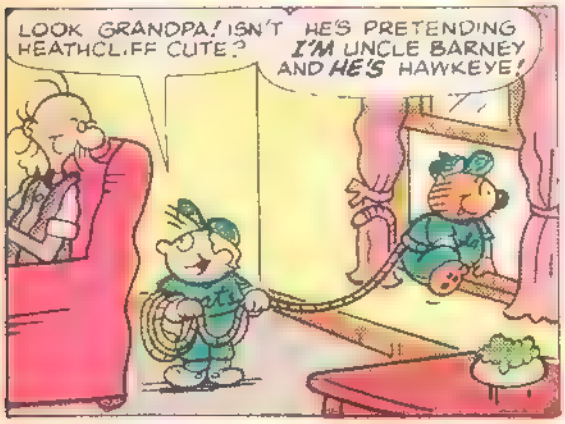
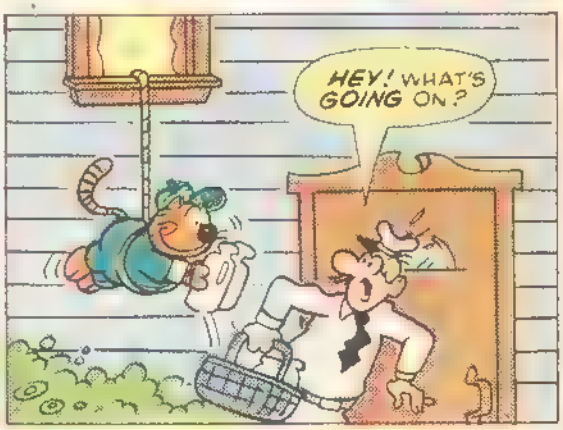
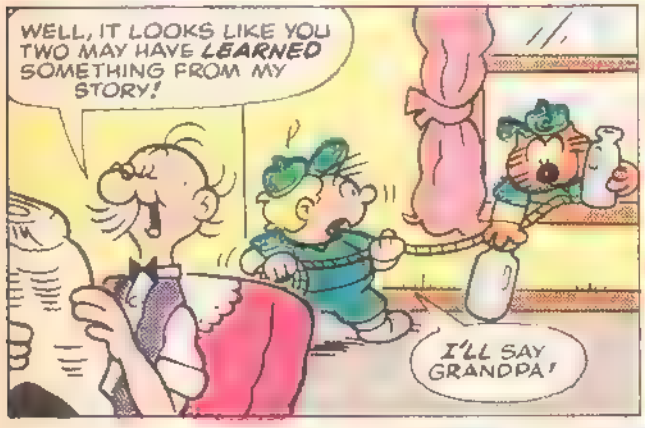
SMACK!

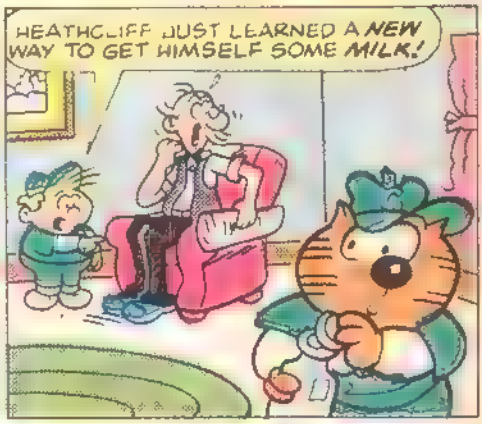

AND THAT'S THE STORY OF UNCLE BARNEY AND HIS PARTNER, HAWKEYE!

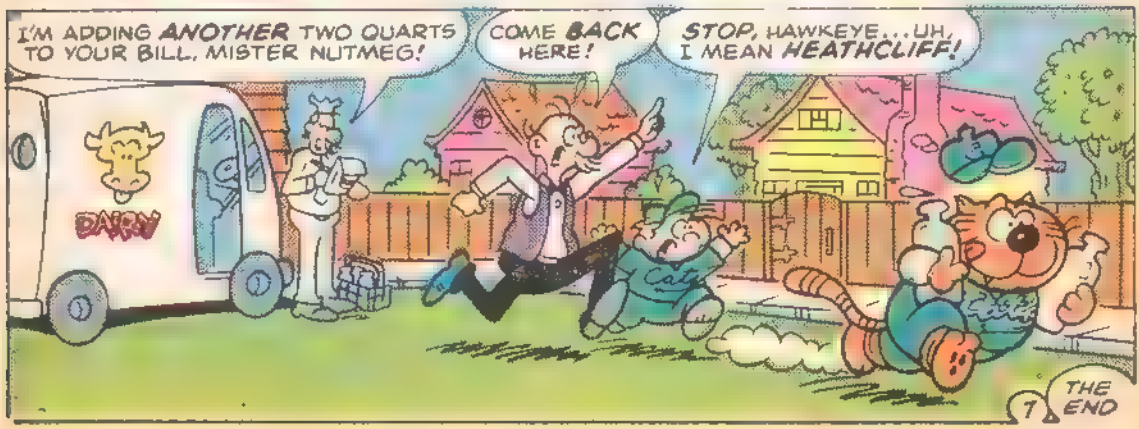

I GET IT, HEATHCLIFF! YOU'D LIKE US TO ACT LIKE BARNEY AND HAWKEYE!


LOOK GRANDPA! ISN'T HEATHCLIFF CUTE?
HE'S PRETENDING I'M UNCLE BARNEY AND HE'S HAWKEYE!


HEY! WHAT'S GOING ON?


WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU TWO MAY HAVE LEARNED SOMETHING FROM MY STORY!
I'LL SAY GRANDPA!


HEATHCLIFF JUST LEARNED A NEW WAY TO GET HIMSELF SOME MILK!


I'M ADDING ANOTHER TWO QUARTS TO YOUR BILL, MISTER NUTMEG!
COME BACK HERE!
STOP, HAWKEYE...UH, I MEAN HEATHCLIFF!
DAIRY
THE END

SID JACOBSON
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HEATHCLIFF'S LITTER BOX

LAURA HITCHCOCK
ASSISTANT EDITOR

% S.T.A.R. Comics, 387 Park Ave. South, N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016

Dear HEATHCLIFF,

Hi! Whenever I get your comic books, I read them immediately. I enjoy them very much because they make me laugh.

I really liked the one called "Blow Out" (HEATHCLIFF #9), and the one with Heathcliff in the toy galaxy (HEATHCLIFF #8), especially when he squirted the scientist in the face with green slime. Well, gotta go now. Bye!

Jesse Sheets
Peachbottom, PA

Thanks for writing, Jesse. If we've got you laughing, we must be doing something right! And, frankly, we like your reasoning. You enjoy HEATHCLIFF comics because they make you laugh so much. That's the best reason to like HEATHCLIFF comics! Good logic!

Dear S.T.A.R.,

I think the HEATHCLIFF comic book is fantastic! So far I have enjoyed five great issues and I have loved every one of them. I can't wait till the next one comes out. Keep up the good work!

Todd Williams
S. River, NJ

You have our thanks, Todd, for telling us how much you love HEATHCLIFF! Plus, you now have official permission to pass the word to all your friends, acquaintances, enemies, brothers, sisters, cousins, aunts, uncles, in-laws . . .

Dear S.T.A.R.,

I read HEATHCLIFF and thoroughly enjoy it. The animation is great and I just love all the stories. I hope to get more STAR Comics in the future. I would like to start getting them through the mail, but if I cut out the form, it would ruin the story, so would you please mail me one?

Jennifer Emerson
Decatur, TN

We were glad to hear how much you love HEATHCLIFF, Jennifer, and can't blame you a bit for wanting to order lots of other STAR titles, too! But you bring up a good point—there is a way to order subscriptions without ruining the stories. Just make a photocopy of the order form, or copy the same information onto a blank piece of paper (along with your name, address, and money, of course!) and mail it to our offices. Voila! Lots of fun every month, and your comics stay in perfect condition!

Dear S.T.A.R.,

I went to the store and looked at the magazines and saw a HEATHCLIFF magazine. It was great! From now on I am going to buy all the HEATHCLIFF comics.

Wayne Birmingham
Sherman, TX

That's great news for us, Wayne—and we have some great, late-breaking news for you, too! Soon you'll be able to find your favorite cat in a *second*, totally new, totally wacky comic book: HEATHCLIFF'S FUNHOUSE! On sale in December, so keep an eye out!

And remember, if you want to save time, order a subscription—or, even better, have *both* HEATHCLIFF books delivered right to your door and you'll never miss an issue. (See above for ful details!)

Dear HEATHCLIFF,

I am a big fan of HEATHCLIFF. I have three comic books, and two longer books.

I have a question for you. What's with this new comic "Vice Mice"? (HEATHCLIFF #11) Really!! How about it? Huh?

Robert Meyers
Toppenish, WA

We'll take the exclamation points as a compliment, Robert—we're glad the story made such an impact on you! And just between us, maybe some of your confusion will be answered in upcoming issues, because we hear the Miami Mice are planning another trip north. Stay tuned!

Dear HEATHCLIFF,

For the first time, I picked up a HEATHCLIFF comic book. I really enjoyed it—especially when he teamed up with TOP DOG! (TOP DOG #9) I hope you keep making HEATHCLIFF and TOP DOG STAR Comics. Oh, by the way, I am 11 years old.

Jennifer Hemmingway
Colorado Springs, CO

Imagine! Eleven years old, and such a discriminating reader already!

Here's something else: since you liked our HEATHCLIFF and TOP DOG teamup so much, you'll be thrilled to hear we're trying another famous teamup—only this time, it's TOP DOG and SPIDER-MAN! Check out TOP DOG #10. What an adventure! What a pair! What a nutty, *fun* idea!

Dear S.T.A.R.,

I love your HEATHCLIFF comics. I have one question: how do you put your books together?

Daniel Creel
Gracelille, FL

Thanks for writing, Daniel, and for taking such an interest in STAR Comics!

Creating an issue of HEATHCLIFF is fairly straightforward, but there are many steps and many people involved.

First, the editors and writers try to think of the craziest, funniest situations for HEATHCLIFF—anything that would make you (and us) laugh! Then a writer creates a visual script, rough sketches of the story, including all words and important action frame by frame.

The script is sent to a penciler, who draws (in pencil, of course!) all pictures for the story in a size twice as large as the comic pages you see. A letterer adds all the words and balloons, and then an inker goes over all the pencil lines, adding black areas and fine-tuning the penciler's work. Finally, a colorist uses photocopies of the artwork to indicate which color goes where.

And while all *that* is going on, the editors fix mistakes, make sure everything is done on schedule, plus maintain the terrifically high (and nutty) quality you've come to expect.

Whew! A tough job, huh? Sympathy cards are welcome . . . or better yet, let us know how we're doing!!!

Dear HEATHCLIFF,

Why do you eat so much? Why do you beat up cats and dogs?

My favorite comic is HEATHCLIFF. I'm 10 and in fourth grade. I liked "The Birthday Surprise" (HEATHCLIFF #5).

Randy Jackson
Loveland, CO

That's an easy one, Randy! HEATHCLIFF eats a lot so he'll have the energy to beat up cats and dogs . . . and the energy to keep *us* laughing month after month!

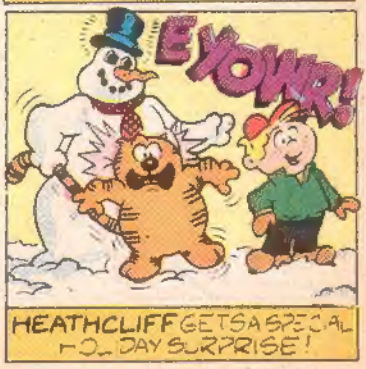
Dear HEATHCLIFF,

I am eight years old. I like your comics. I liked issue #5 ("Computa Cat") the best because you turned the robot cat into a coffee maker. I can't wait to get the next issue.

John Freck
Decatur, GA

Good to hear from you, John! We admit turning the robot into a coffee maker was a little wacky, but then, what else would you expect from a HEATHCLIFF story?

DON'T MISS NEXT ISSUE!



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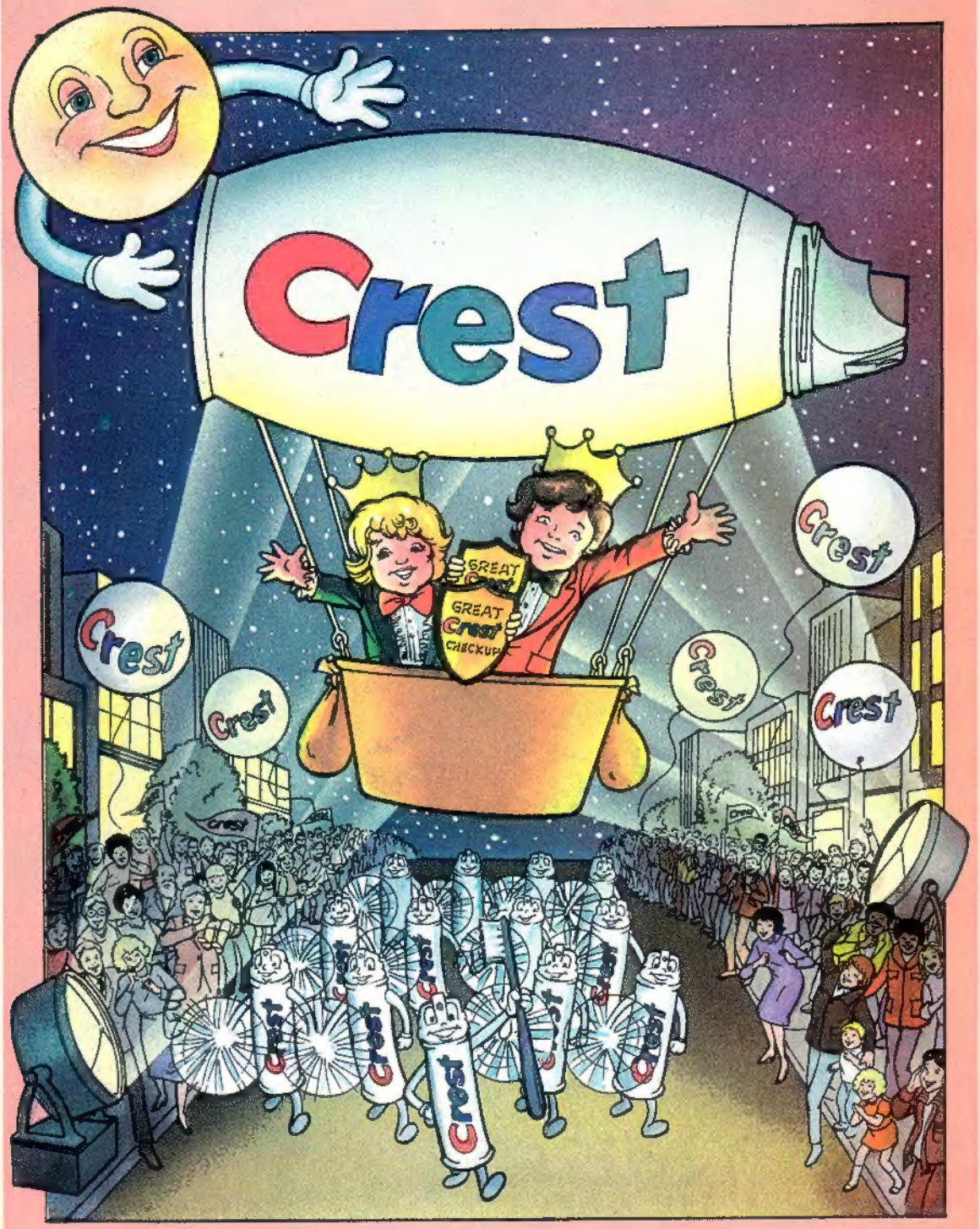

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IT'S WHAT POPPLES ARE ALL ABOUT!

Popples are new, and they're popping up all over! And wherever you find them, you'll find cute, cuddly fun.

Because Popples pop in and out of themselves – turning from colorful, cuddly balls of fur into floppy and fun little animals.

Get popping with Popples. Look for them as toys and tote bags, on all kinds of fun products and on TV, too. Find out what the furry fun is all about.

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